

**Wish List**

Thank you all so much for your kindness and generosity. You have sent in so many wonderful items for our holiday fun. We could not have done so many fun things without your help. Thank you so much!!!

**Rapid Reminders**

**Dec. 9th:** Our class assessment day

**Dec. 16th:** Holiday Celebration at 12:00

**Dec. 21st:** Track out day (We visit Mrs. Vamos’ class beginning at 2:00.)

**News Now…**

**Literacy:**

This week the children worked very hard using the Eagle Eye and Lips the Fish strategies to help them figure out new words in texts. They also worked finding sight words within text, which can be much more difficult than reading them in isolation.

**Math:**

During math, the children began finding partners of various numbers. This means that they looked for all of the ways to break 7 into parts such as, 4 and 3 or 2 and 5. They also continued to practice with teen numbers.

**Letterland:**

We have revisited several Letterlanders. The children worked with Kicking King and learned about the sounds that ng, ck, sh, and ch make when they are next to one another in words.

**Social Studies**

We began to follow Felix the Rabbit on his trip around the world. Please ask your child to tell you about it!

**What’s to Come…**

 **Holidays Around the World**

 We began to learn about traditions in various countries around the world this

 week! We talked about Holland, Mexico and Sweden this week. The children

 made their own “wooden shoes” and hung them on their clips. On St. Nicolas’ Eve

 Sinterklas came and left them some little treats inside. We also talked about the

 legend of the poinsettia and how some families in Mexico celebrate Christmas.

 Today we traveled to Sweden. Please ask your child what we learned there!

**Midyear Assessment**

This Friday (12/9) is the day I have been given to work on assessments. We have many skills that must be formally assessed this quarter, so our students will be visiting different classrooms so that I can take all day and meet with the children individually. This makes it so much easier for the children to concentrate and do their very best. I have one favor to ask…if possible please be sure your child is at school Friday and does not leave early. It will take all day Friday and a few days next week to finish! Thank you in advance for your help!

**Holiday Celebration**

Next Friday (12/16) we will be having our holiday celebration. We are going to begin at 12:00 with a fun family gingerbread activity. After that we will have a picnic lunch. If you are planning to attend, please bring a lunch for you and your child. We will eat together in the classroom. I will be sending home an invitation early next week so that you can RSVP. I want to make sure that students whose families cannot attend can still have a special lunch, so I want to get a count prior to Friday! If you would like to bring a dessert to share for the event, please let me know!

**Track Out:**

We track out December 21st and return January 23rd.

**The Weekly Word**

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