

January Newsletter
Happy New Year 2022!

During the month of January the students will have many opportunities for investigation. They will observe the various states of water; describe the characteristics of the winter season; and discuss the similarities and differences between animal movements, appearances, and habitats.

In English Language Arts students will continue to build on their knowledge of letter names and sounds. During the "Animals Everywhere" theme they will be introduced to the Alphafriends: Fifi Fish, Andy Apple, and Zelda Zebra. Students will strengthen their oral language skills by sharing ideas, answering comprehension questions, and listening appropriately to others. For written language skills students will dictate ideas, have their thoughts scribed, and see how their words carry meaning for others to read. As the students' fine motor skills improve so does their ability to write individual letters, their own names, and numbers. Whenever possible, share a story with your child. In school the students have been practicing using story illustrations to make predictions, or question what might happen in a story. We will also be building on retelling skills by organizing events of a story into the beginning, middle, and end. Try any of these activities at home for something new.

Some math activities that students have been practicing are calendar, data collection, and oral counting. We will continue to build on their knowledge of making sets, labeling numbers, and noticing patterns. It is wonderful to see the students making academic connections everyday. Please continue to encourage your child to use math skills at home. Oral counting (forwards and backwards 0-10), describing shapes, adding to/subtracting from a group, and counting objects are several ways you can support your child's learning.

Request for donations: Paper towels and tissues

Important dates:

January 17th Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)

Thank you for all that you do to support your child and our school community! Mrs. Madaus and Miss Jillienne