



November 17, 2017

Dear Kindergarten Parents,

What a busy week we have had reviewing our letters and sounds. We have been stressing leaving a space between our words and one day the students found a little marshmallow in each sentence where a proper space was left. Some students had 3, while others had 6 or even 13 marshmallows. We copy story starters, but always put the date in our journal and try to write a sentence or two on our own.

We took the Unit 2 Benchmark Reading Test today, checking on beginning sound matching, along with some middle sounds we hear in words. We were tested on seven new words that we go over daily and read each week, both at home and in small groups. There were also a few questions to answer, after a story was told aloud and a small writing activity.

Has your child told you the definition of an adjective? Ask him/her to name some adjectives to describe hair, clothing, or favorite foods. They are quick learners.

Don't forget to check out **mobymax.com** over the holidays. We are doing the Grammar section, numbers, math, and reading stories. Our school code is **in285** and your child knows the user name and password.

Our daily helpers are getting better each week at leading the calendar. We have counted that we have been to school 70 days. Thirty more to go to our big **Hundredth Day Celebration!** The leader also tells us the time to the hour on our magnetic clock and we have started this week talking about half past the hour. If the clock shows half past 2, the helper writes **2:30** on the board. We also add a straw to our Hundreds Chart and are learning about tally marks during our calendar time.

Thank you to those who ordered online for the Scholastic Order. Our December Book Club Flyer will be coming home soon. Several of the students have been excited to win prizes for the books you have read at home. Even our easy readers, or any books you read aloud together count for the **Hundred Book Club**.

Next week will be a short week, with only two days before our Thanksgiving Break. Remember to check the stage for lost coats, hats and gloves, as items piling up will be taken to the Goodwill. Please have your names in all items.

Gloomy days make for good days to curl up with a pile of good books. If you don't have a Putnam County Library card, be sure to stop in and check out all the books and videos available to borrow. There are also computers for the children to explore while you're there.

Have a good weekend. I'm so thankful for my nice group of students this year, but we are still working on listening skills and following directions. Thank you for the encouragement you give from home!

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