

The Kindergarten Chronicle

February 2015

Curriculum Corner Language Arts



Speaking and Listening

We will continue our focus on giving simple descriptions of past experiences. Students are being encouraged to use complete sentences. For example, we may ask what your child's favorite color is. They're encouraged to respond with "My favorite color is..." rather than just naming the color.

Reading and Viewing

We will continue to learn and practice reading strategies in our small guided reading groups. The children then practice these skills during reading times

with the teacher, independent reading times and when reading to you at home from their reading bags. Most children are working on Eagle Eye, Lips the Fish and tracking text.

Writing and Representing: We began something very exciting for Writer's Workshop this month! After looking at our students writing samples together, we saw that there are four areas that our students would benefit from explicit instruction. The K teachers decided that

we would group students according to their individual writing needs and share students. Three times per week students go into the Kindergarten classroom to focus on a specific targeted skill. The other two days of writer's workshop is done within their own classroom.

At Home...

- Encourage your child to "break" words into pieces so he/she can hear all the sounds in the word, for example, for "frog", you would say the individual

- Have your child read to you everyday.

- Staple 3 or 4 pages together, put a few lines on each page for your child to write on, and leave a space at the top of the page for a drawing. Have your child write about a moment from his/her life. Help your child stretch the moment over the pages with a detail or two on each page.



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You and Your World

Our unit on Healthy Lifestyles will continue this month. Children will be learning ways to keep themselves healthy.

Dates to Remember:

February 12th

Valentines exchange at school

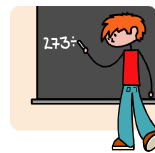
February 13th

Professional Learning Day for teachers – no school for students

February 23rd-27th

Winter Carnival Week

Curriculum Corner Math



This month in Math, we will be working on numbers to 10. The children will count and create sets of a given number. They will also explore combinations of numbers, for example, 2 marbles and 4 marbles is 6 marbles altogether. We will also be celebrating our 100th Day of school in February!! On 100 Day, we will celebrate being 100 days smarter by doing a variety of math and literacy related activities with the number 100!

Things you can do at home to support our learning this month:

- Count the number of dishes and other things up to 10 as you place them on the table. Move the things around and count again. Show that moving things around does not change the number.
- Keep working on those 5 partners by grasping real world teaching opportunities when they arise. For example, at the grocery store if you want to buy 5 bananas choose a bunch containing 3 and ask your child to get you the rest that you need.

