

SOUTHBROOK ACADEMY

January Newsletter

Kindergarten

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday break. We have another fun and busy month ahead.

In Language Arts, our school wide theme this month is mysteries. We have many fun and educational activities planned. We will also be reading some mystery books during class time as well. Our January poems will be "I'm a Little Snowman" and "Little Penguin". These poems will be introduced at shared reading time. We present these poems on large chart paper so the children can see the print and follow along. Shared reading selections have simple and repetitive text, which is perfect for early readers! During shared reading everyone meets with success and is on the road to becoming an independent reader.

We will be making The Blue Book this month. The letters we will focus on this month are **Ww, Ss, Zz** and **Oo**. The sight words to be introduced are: **he, she, for, look, with, and, on** and **are**. The children will continue to put their sight words in their index cards at school and will begin bringing them home to practice.

In Math, the children will be introduced to different kinds of sorting games. We will continue patterning activities using pattern blocks and pattern-block templates, and explore two-dimensional shapes and symmetry. We will continue graphing, measuring, estimation and probability activities. I will also reinforce extended counting, numeral recognition, number-writing skills, number sequencing, and number comparison skills.

In January we celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., by learning about his dream for a better world. We will discuss why we celebrate this important American figure. I have also planned a wonderful activity on fairness to accompany our MLK unit.

In Science, we will be heading into space! We will discuss the sun, moon, earth and even take a trip to the moon. We will also be experimenting with magnets. Magnets are mysterious. They seem to have magical qualities, using secret forces that can't be seen, but only felt.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Dates to Remember

January 16th Martin Luther King Day- School Closed

January 19th Open House for Registration

January 24th Read-a-Thon

January 25th Professional Development Day-Half Day

Thank you
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