

Memos from Mrs. Martin
November 26-30



What We're Learning!

"L" Letter Expert = Jaxon

Sight words =this, that, were,
what, your

Language Arts

In Language Arts students will be

- Writing a sentence using a writer's checklist for self editing of capitals, punctuation, and correct spacing.
- Identifying story elements including characters, setting, problem, and solution
- Following oral directions for a reindeer craft
- Learning other cultural holiday celebrations from our high school international students
- Zoo animals from South America will visit on Wednesday
- Schedules may be very flexible due to special events this time of year.

Math

Skill this week in math include:

- use concrete objects to solve subtraction problems
- Use the minus and equal signs in addition sentences
- **If you have questions to concerns please email me at JillMartin@missouristate.edu**

Please save any extra Halloween candy for our Gingerbread house projects. If you send in candy your child earns a chance ticket.



Important Dates

- December 5th – put together gingerbread houses – need volunteers
- December 7th – decorate house - need volunteers
- December 12- 6:30 p.m. Winter Music Program Greenwood Gym
- December 13- Last day of school before Winter Break.
- January 14 – Class Resumes
- January 21 – MLK Jr. Day – No Class



Be sure to check out our letter experts on page 4-6. 😊

Hot Topics!

We are collecting food for the Ozarks Food Harvest. They are in need of canned goods, dry pasta, and canned protein like tuna or peanut butter etc. The collections will be picked up from Greenwood on November 20th and December 13th. If you would like to participate, send in donations with your kindergarten student.

Parent Helpers needed.... Second grade and kindergarten team up to collaborate and work together in studying Gingerbread men and Gingerbread houses. We will be making houses on Dec. 7th. We need parent volunteers to put together houses on Wednesday, Dec. 5th from 10:00-11:30 a.m. That includes hot gluing graham crackers onto milk cartons.

Then volunteers are also needed to decorate houses with the children on Friday, Dec. 7th from 8:30-9:30 a.m.



See what's happening in science

<https://shallgren5.wixsite.com/gwoodelescience>

Things to work on at Home

TYING SHOES

- **Congratulations to Will, Cayden, and Sybil for becoming a shoe tying expert!**
- **Practice saying a word and your child gives you the initial consonant and ending consonant. Ex. Parent says cat – child says it starts with c and ends in t.**
- **COUNT TO 100 BY 1's and 10's and 5's**
- **NAME THE DAYS OF THE WEEK**
- **NAME THE MONTHS OF THE YEAR**
- **SIGHT WORDS**
- **Write numbers to 100 – no backwards numbers please!**



Rock Star Reader

Tip of the Week

One-to-one correspondence

Every letter and every word count in reading! Most often people associate one-to-one correspondence with math, but it is just as important in early literacy. You can practice this skill in easy and fun ways.

- Point to each word as you are reading to your child.
- Touch each finger or toe as you count it.
- Touch each rock or brick paver on your front sidewalk.
- Use a feather to follow each word as it's read.
- Put on a plastic finger to point to each word as it's read.
- Make and use silly pointers using a craft stick with an eyeball on the top, a straw with a gold star stapled to the top, or tiny finger puppets made from baby-sized socks.
- Use clean and dry bubble wands to create a pointer that also circles each word as it's read.

Sometimes simple skills just need to be introduced to your child because it doesn't come naturally. Five minutes here and there will really pay off. Eventually when your child becomes a more fluent reader, we can go without using fingers to point to words. It is just a great beginning skill to acquire







