

Memos from Mrs. Martin
December 3-7



What We're Learning!

"M" Letter Expert = Katelyn

Sight words = Review from 1st and 2nd quarter – will be testing this week and next

Language Arts

- This is a special week to be in Kindergarten at Greenwood. We will be learning to read and write with the help of our 2nd grade friends. We are studying several versions of the Gingerbread Boy. On Friday, we will make gingerbread houses as a culminating activity.

Math

Skill this week in math include:

- use concrete objects to solve subtraction problems
- Use the minus and equal signs in addition sentences
- Math test will be on Thursday, December 6th,
- **If you have questions to concerns please email me at JillMartin@missouristate.edu**

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 December 13th. If you would like to participate, send in donations with your kindergarten student.

- I will be testing for grade cards this week and next week, if needed. Please practice sight words with your child. He/she should know each word quickly without having to sound them out.
- I will also be evaluating a writing sample. I will be looking for spacing, beginning capitalization, ending punctuation and phonetic spelling. This would be a great thing to practice this week instead of homework.

Things to work on at Home

TYING SHOES

- Congratulations to Percy 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!



See what's happening in science

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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.







