

# Memos from Mrs. Martin

## January 14-18



### What We're Learning!

“O” Letter Expert = Mila

**Sight words** = about, as, from, get, has

### Language Arts

- Spelling tests begin this week. Each Monday, your child will take a spelling pre-test with five previously learned sight words. The tests will be graded and then sent home the first day of the week. These are for you to study for the final test on Friday. I will also include two bonus words each week; these will usually be a spelling word with a blend added to make a new word. For example, the spelling word may be “at” the bonus words may be “cat” or “flat.”
- We will be learning about questions next week using the theme of winter. Please send in a ziplock bag with some “good stuff” in it to create a snow creature. Could include ribbon, yarn, beads, nuts and bolts, buttons, wiggly eyes, felt, etc. Please just find some things around home, no need to purchase supplies. Please send in supplies by Friday so we can create early next week.

### Math

- This week in math we will continue with more addition and subtraction skills. We will reinforce the idea of whole vs. part and write number sentences to decompose numbers.

## Important Dates

- January 14 – Class Resumes
- January 21 – MLK Jr. Day – No Class
- Valentine’s Day Party – Thursday, February 14th
- No class Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, President’s Day
- No class March 11-15<sup>th</sup> – spring break
- No class March 28-29<sup>th</sup> - Optional parent/teacher conference
- No Class April 18-19 – Spring Holiday



©gnurf · illustrationsOf.com/93476

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

## Hot Topics!

- Expect less morning work papers to be coming home each night. I am implementing a new writing prompt program each morning. When the children arrive at school, there will be a prompt on the board and the children are to write a response in their notebooks. We will actually be doing more writing but less paper being copied and sent home. If you would like to see the notebooks from time to time, I would be happy to send them, just send a note or email and I will put it in your child's cubby to come home. It will just be mandatory to send the book back the following day 😊
- Send a bag of "good stuff" for snow creature by this Friday please. See Language Arts section for more detail.

## Things to work on at Home

- Practice writing first and last names. After winter break, all students will be writing both names on every paper.
- Count by 10's, 5's, 2's and 1's to 100.
- Practice one digit addition up to 10 just for review. We will begin subtraction but I want the children to remember how to add 😊
- Practice spelling words for test on Fridays.



See what's happening in science

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



## Rock Star Reader

### Tip of the Week

#### Playing with language

Having fun with letter sounds is easier than you think. You may have already played some of these games already and didn't even stop to think that you were teaching as they were playing.

The name game is a simple game that uses a child's first name to start, then branches out from there.

To Play:

1. Player one says the first letter of his or her name followed by "my name is (insert name), and I come from (place that starts with the same letter), and I like (item that starts with that letter.)"

2. Have each player take a turn. After the first round, move to your middle names and finally your last.

- For example, I might say: "J, my name is Jill. I come from Jupiter, and I like jellybeans."

Then it is the next players turn.

You can make the game more challenging by encouraging your child to name as many items as possible that start with the tarte letter. I like jellybeans, junk, jack rabbits, etc.

You could also make up names or use family names to try to go through the entire alphabet. This is a great road trip game or cold winter day game.









