

MRS. MCCARTHY'S NEWSLETTER

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12-16, 2016

Curriculum

Readers Workshop— Moving into unit 4, students will practice the skill of visualizing. We will reread the book Cat's Col-ors and students will share their visualizations. We will also hear a poem called *Cats*. Lastly, we will discuss the differences between stories and poems. Students will learn the vocabulary words various, edge, fits and cupboard.

Writers Workshop— The sight words if

and by will be introduced. This week during writer's workshop we will focus on having a capital letter at the beginning and all else letters lowercase.

Math— This week in unit 3 students will practice telling addition and subtraction math stories. We will also show teen numbers by using a group of 10 and ones.

Theme— We will continue

our unit about Holiday's Around the World. This week we will pretend to travel to Israel, Sweden, Africa, and Mexico. Students will learn about traditions practiced in each of these countries. Students will learn the game dreidel and will each be given a dreidel to take home and keep so you can learn the game too!

Need to Know

- ◆ December 13th— Report Cards will be sent home
- ◆ December 20th— Gingerbread Day

Make sure you get Invites out to grandparents or special guests. It is very important that your child has someone at school with them on this day.. If you have extra ice cream buckets, please send them to school! Thanks!

- ◆ FYI—Username for Raz Kids is mccarthyh.
- ◆ Please send in a 2 inch binder along with a pack of 25 clear pocket sheets. These items should be labeled with your child's name. They will be used for an end of the year project. Thank you!
- ◆ No School—Holiday Break—December 22 through January 2nd
- ◆ We will continue to go outside for recess each day unless the temperature is below zero. Please make sure your child has the appropriate outdoorwear!

Mrs. McCarthy's Corner

Sight Words

A sight word is a word that is known by looking at it quickly. Sight words cannot be sounded out because they often do not follow the correct phonetic patterns such as the word the. There are 50 sight words that kindergarteners are expected to know by the end of the school year. Two new sight words are introduced each week. In order to extend your child's learning at home, you were given our sight words in flash card form. On Monday look for a paper coming home that gives suggestions about how to practice sight words in a fun and interactive way for your child. If you could use a copy of our sight words or would like an extra set, please let me know and I'd be happy to get them for you.