

MRS. MCCARTHY'S NEWSLETTER

FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9-13, 2017

Curriculum

Readers Workshop— This week students will hear a poem about Umbrellas. They will practice the skill of visualizing. We will learn the vocabulary words unpleasant, pleasant, crowded, and uncrowded.

Writers Workshop— The sight words for and or will be introduced this week. Students will hear the story My Friends by Taro Gomi and write about friends they have and activi-

ties they like to do with their friends. Students are encouraged to write two sentences each day.

Math— Students will have continued practice sorting shapes according to size, shape and color. Students will make patterns with shapes by turning them in different directions. Students will work with teen numbers and match equations to totals, such as $10 + 1 = 11$.

Theme— This week

students will hear the story The Mitten by Jan Brett and practice retelling the story by sequencing the animals as they enter the mitten. We will also learn about Martin Luther King, Jr.

Need to Know

- ◆ Minnesota author and illustrator David LaRoche is coming to Kennedy on January 19th!
- ◆ January 16—No School—MLK Day
- ◆ January 27— No School
- ◆ Sign up for conferences online starting January 19th. Conferences will be held during the evening of February 15th and 16th and the morning of February 17th. I look forward to sitting down with each of you soon!
- ◆ A permission form is being sent home today regarding sledding during the school day. Please return this form if you would like for your child to participate in this activity.
- ◆ As book bags were just started this week, please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for supporting your child's reading habits at home!

Mrs. McCarthy's Corner

Writing Development

During school, students practice writing every day. Writing is a skill that involves many other skills. Students must know how to form letters and how to sound out words along with the components of writing such as writing from left to right, using spaces in between words and using an ending mark. In kindergarten students are expected to write three sentences by the end of the year with correct capitalization and punctuation. During the year, students learn other types of writing such as lists and letters. At home, encourage your child to write each day. Some ideas might include: keeping their own journal, helping make the grocery list, or labeling items around the house. The more exposure your child has with writing, the easier it will be for them.