

MRS. MCCARTHY'S NEWSLETTER

FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28—DECEMBER 2, 2016

Curriculum

Readers Workshop—
We are in Unit 3 in our Making Meaning unit. Unit 3 focuses on the skill of retelling. Students will hear the story *Maisy's Pool* by Lucy Cousins and practice turning and talking with a partner, sharing what their partner told them and retelling different parts of the story.

Writers Workshop—
During Writer's Workshop this week we will talk about various topics students can write about such as family, holidays, toys, pets, etc. Students will then practice the steps of thinking,

drawing their picture, counting the words and writing the words. Students will learn how to edit their work this week by re-reading their writing, making sure it makes sense, and checking for a capital letter at the beginning and an ending mark at the end.

Math— This week we will finish up Unit 2 and take our unit test. As a review, unit 2 focused on building children's understanding of numbers 1 through 10 by using 5 groups. By using 5 as a number block,

children were able to recognize the numbers 6 through 10 easily.

Theme—

We will start our month long unit about Holiday's Around the World. This week we will share traditions that each child does during the holiday season. We will make a surprise picture out of a 100 chart, practice one to one correspondence by putting ornaments on a Christmas tree and do an activity with wants verses needs.

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. Please send in 1 box of Graham Crackers and an ice cream bucket on or before December 9th. If you have extra ice cream buckets, please send them too! Thanks!

- ◆ We will continue to go outside for recess each day. As the temperature begins to drop, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.
- ◆ No School - Holiday Break—December 22nd through January 2nd.

Mrs. McCarthy's Corner

Families,

I am excited to be back at school and with the students again! I hope the last 8 weeks have gone well with Ms. Degnan. As I transition back into the classroom, please let me know if there is anything you need. If there have been any important changes in your family's life in the past eight weeks, I encourage you to share them with me so I can better meet the needs of your child. I look forward to connecting with you soon!

Mrs. Haley McCarthy