



January Kindergarten News

I'd like to wish everyone a happy, healthy New Year 2026! It is nice to be back to school after a nice break. I hope everyone was able to spend quality time with their loved ones.

This month we will be learning about Martin Luther King Jr. which ties in nicely with our Religion topics (friends, fairness, and the Golden Rule: treat others the way you want to be treated). Catholic Schools week will begin January 25-January 31, and is always filled with fun events.

Our Social Studies unit will be on "Community Helpers" for the month of January-February. We will discuss different jobs in our community and the character qualities necessary to be successful at work. If you are interested in visiting our classroom as a guest speaker/reader to tell how you help in our community, please email me. The time I have allotted is at 1:15-1:50—Monday through Friday. You may show/share briefly what you do and we can prep a coloring page.

In our Wonders program, we will be focusing on the following skills:

Social/Emotional learning: task persistence, managing emotions, prosocial behavior with adults,

Identity and belonging

Phonics/Spelling/Handwriting: Nn/Cc/Oo/Dd

Phonological Awareness: rhyme, isolation, sound segmentation, blending, counting syllables

High Frequency Words: and, go, do, you

Genre: fiction/ informational text: Non-fiction/ realistic fiction

Reading skills/strategies: key details, character, setting, events, ask and answer questions

In Math, we will finish Chapter 4: Numbers 0-10 and begin Chapter 5: Numbers to 31. The "base-ten" concept will be introduced and very important for your child to understand for their future progress in math. We will continue to work on number formation, order and recognition of the numbers from 0-31.

In Science, we will explore how temperature can change water, weather and seasons. We will end this unit with a game: "Guess the Season". Depending which month their birthday falls—Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall, your child will be asked to bring in an item from home that represents their birthday season. For example, mittens might represent "winter birthdays"; acorns might represent "fall birthdays". It should be fun! I will send home their season the last week of January.

Mrs. Merrill



Take the January Kindergarten Challenge

(Please complete and return by Friday, January 30)

1. Print the letters: N,n, C, c, O, o, D, d
2. Draw or cut out a picture that begins with the letters: n,c,o,d
3. Draw me a picture of what "Winter" looks like. Write a sentence about what you like to do in the winter. "I like to _____ in the winter."
4. Draw me a picture of what "Spring" looks like. Write a sentence about what you like to do in the spring. "I like to _____ in the spring."
5. Draw me a picture of what "Summer" looks like. Write a sentence about what you like to do in the summer. "I like to _____ in the summer."
6. Draw me a picture of what "Fall" looks like. Write a sentence about what you like to do in the fall. "I like to _____ in the fall."
7. Print 4 words that rhyme with "jam"
8. Print 4 words that rhyme with "pin"
9. Print 4 words that rhyme with "hog"
10. Draw a picture of what your house looks like and print your address.

(Supplies needed: 1 piece of lined paper/3 pieces of plain white using front and back sides.)

Have fun and always do your best work!

Mrs. Merrill