

# Kindergarten Korner 2023

## January Newsletter



### ELA

#### Readers' Workshop

##### *Readers Use Super Powers:*

Students will continue to practice using their "Super Powers" to help them read. Students are practicing pointing to each word, using the picture clues, looking at the beginning sounds of tricky words, and stretching out all the sounds in tricky words. By using these strategies, students will be able to gain greater independence when reading.



#### Writers' Workshop

##### *Writing for Readers*



Students will learn that writers re-read their writing and if they have trouble getting through it, they "fix it up" so others reading it don't have the same problem. Students will work on writing personal stories using what they have learned. Students will draw to tell their story and write sentences to match the pictures.

Students will use tools, such as checklists to edit their work.

### Math

Students will continue to practice comparing sets and numbers to ten. Then, they will be introduced to addition and subtraction vocabulary, symbols, and strategies for numbers within 5. You can practice with every day things at home, too! For example, there are 4 apples in the basket and 1 banana in the basket. How many pieces of fruit are in the basket?



### Fundations

Students will be finishing up learning the letter-keyword-sound for the lowercase letters. We will have a wedding for letter q and u!

In our next unit, students will be working on identifying and forming capital letters A-Z. Students will be introduced to tapping and blending sounds to read CVC words. Ex. cat, rip, sit. We will also work on alphabetical order.

### Phonological Awareness

We will continue to work on rhyming, identifying the beginning and ending sounds of words, and blending and segmenting sounds of words.



### Social Studies /Science

- Examining the signs of winter.
- Weather, weather patterns and the effects of weather on us.
- Winter animals and hibernation
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

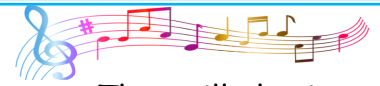
### Health

- Washing germs away and using proper hygiene
- Proper clothing for the weather.

# Special Area News



## Music



In the month of January the students will be revisiting the topic of tempo. They will play instruments and bounce balls learning tempo and the names for each; Largo, Andante, Allegro and Presto. Toward the end of the month the students will also learn about Rondo form. They will have an opportunity to perform a song/chant with instruments to help understand what Rondo form is.

## Library

January is a great time to read the books your child received as gifts for the holidays. It's fun to cozy up in a comfortable chair and read with your son or daughter. It's time well spent!

Please remind your children that when they take home books from the library they should not write or draw in the books. Library books should be kept in a safe place while at home.

In library class this month, we will be reading winter stories and focusing on sequencing skills.



## Physical Education

Happy New Year!

We will begin the year working on cooperation and teamwork with the parachute. Parachute games and activities offer an opportunity to work on our listening, following directions, problem solving and even some math and science, all while continuing to work on our fitness level. After the parachute we will review our spatial awareness and locomotor skills in preparation for our Mario Brothers training camp and obstacle course. As always, we ask that students come prepared with sneakers and comfortable clothing.



## English Language Learners

Happy New Year! Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed the time with your family. We are continuing to work with our co-teachers in all areas of the curriculum. The students will continue to engage in language building activities through reading, writing and math. Please continue to read and write at home with your children. Make sure they are using complete sentences to respond to you. Thank you for your support at home!

## Reminders:

- Practice tying shoes and zippering jackets!
- Continue to read, practice letters, sounds, and sight words each night!
- No School January 16

