



# KINDERGARTEN NEWS



DECEMBER 2018

## UNITS OF INQUIRY

### How We Express Ourselves: Celebrations express cultures and values

**Key concepts:** form, connection, perspective

**Lines of Inquiry:**

- Family celebrations and holidays
- Seasonal celebrations and holidays
- International celebrations and holidays

#### Additional subjects of inquiry in **Science & Social Studies:**

- Five senses
- Patterns and changes in nature

## English Language Arts

Our focus is on enriching our community of avid readers & writers.  
Students will learn...

#### ...Reading

- Strategies to read unknown words and to construct meaning.
- Print conveys meaning.
- Printed materials provide information.
- Basic phonetic principles.
- Commonly used high frequency words at student's individual reading level.
- Vocabulary: consonants, vowels, syllable, beginning sounds, ending sounds, characters, setting, before, after, next

#### ...Writing

- Writers have a story to tell.
- After creating a plan, writers use pictures and words to tell a story.
- Writers use sounds to make their writing easy to read.
- The characteristics of good listeners.
- Text goes from left to right and top to bottom.
- Letter-sound correspondence.
- Vocabulary: conversation, narrative, personal experience, capital letters, lowercase letters, beginning, middle, end, characters

# Math

We continue to be mathematicians who work together to count, compare numbers, sort, and analyze and create patterns. We will begin work on addition and subtraction.

## Counting & Comparing Numbers

- Count to 51+
- Read & write numbers to 51+
- Represent numbers to 20 in a variety of ways
- Compare and order sets

## Computation

- Composing (adding) and decomposing (subtracting) numbers

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 3**  
BOOK FAIR BEGINS

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4**  
HOPE FOR TOMORROW 6:15-8:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5**  
BEDTIME STORY NIGHT 5:30-6:30 PM (GYM)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7**  
BOOK FAIR ENDS

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11**  
PTA MEETING 7:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12**  
EARLY RELEASE AT 12:51 PM

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13**  
WINTER CONCERT 6:30 PM (GYM)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 24 - FRIDAY, JANUARY 4**  
NO SCHOOL (WINTER BREAK)

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

"The mind is not a vessel that needs filling, but wood that needs igniting."

-Plutarch