



KINDERGARTEN NEWS



JANUARY 2019

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

**How the World Works:
Investigating nature reveals forces and properties**

Key concepts: Causation, Form, Function

Lines of Inquiry

- Natural forces
- Properties of objects and substances
- Investigating nature

Additional subjects of inquiry in Science & Social Studies:

- Water, Magnetism & Shadows
- Maps & globes
- Martin Luther King, Jr.

English Language Arts

Our focus is on further 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

Geometry

- Rectangle, square, triangle & circle
- Relative position: above, below & next to

SPECIAL EVENTS

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8
HOPE FOR TOMORROW 6:15-8:00PM (CAFETERIA)
PTA MEETING 7:00-8:00PM (LIBRARY)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 16, 23, 30
MOMS & DADS CLUB 8:30-10:00 AM (CAFETERIA)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16
EARLY RELEASE, DISMISSAL @ 12:51PM

MONDAY, JANUARY 21
NO SCHOOL - HOLIDAY
(MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY)

MONDAY, JANUARY 28
NO SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS—
GRADE PREPARATION DAY

"know thyself."

-Delphic Maxim

"The unexamined life is not worth living."

-Socrates