

# News from Mrs. Ficchi

## January 13, 2012



\*\*We do have school on Friday January 20. It is our flood make up day!

### Important Dates:

**Monday, January 16: No School**

**Wednesday, January 25: Early Dismissal**

**Thursday, January 26: Wear your favorite sports team**

**Saturday, January 28: Pancake Breakfast**

**Tuesday, January 31: Spring Pictures**

**Word Wall:** am a an and can for go he have I is like little my play see said the to we  
We will be adding *here are look come you* next week. Please continue to practice these words at home with your child. The children should be able to spell and read all word wall words.

**Weather:** Please send hats and gloves as the weather gets colder. We will be going outside for recess when the weather and our schedule permit. Some children are still not able to close their winter coats. Tying shoes is another important self-care skill for children to master at this age. Please practice these skills with your child.

**Math:** We will be starting a new chapter next week. We will visit sizes and estimate if objects can fit into containers of various sizes. We will learn positional vocabulary which will allow them to describe the location of an object in a spatial arrangement. Last, we will order events using the terms before and after.

**Letter Sounds:** We have been adding medial (middle) sounds in words. The children are practicing stretching out words so we hear more sounds when writing.

**Reading:** The children will now be bringing home books to read to you. These are books that we have worked on in small groups in the classroom. The students may have the books for a few days, but please make sure all reading books are in his/her folder each day so they can also be read at school.

**Writing:** We continue to ask the children to write stories with multiple sentences. The first sentence we call the *topic sentence*. All remaining sentences must pertain to the topic; we call these the stuffing of the stories.

**Upcoming School-wide Events:** Souper Bowl of Caring which will run from January 23-Feb. 3 and Teens for Jeans which will run from January 17-February 12. More information will follow at a later date.

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