

News from Mrs. Ficchi

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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 *it will green yellow blue* (students do not need to know how to spell color words, just read) 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 are beginning early addition. We continue to work with pennies, nickels and dimes during our calendar activities. The children add a penny each day we are in school for the month. We are then trading 5 pennies for a nickel and two nickels for a dime.

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: Please continue to talk with your child at home about their favorite things or what they did in school. The better we are at telling stories and having conversations, the better writers we become. When talking with your child ask for specific details. We are now asking 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.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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