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* 12/18 – Early Release (1:15)

**Literacy:** Our Guided Reading groups are up and running and going well! Students will continue to work on developing independence during Literacy centers. This week we will focus on identifying basic similarities and differences between two texts on the same topic. We will be reading two non-fiction text on the same topic and comparing the two text.

**Phonics:** This week in Word Work we are going to be talking about short vowels. We will learn what each vowel say and work on identifying the vowel in CVC words.

**Sight Words:** I, at, is, to like, me, the, it, am, and, went, a, come, in, here, go, see, my, you, look, up, said, we, on, can, play, an, got, for, with, one, his, she, have, no, will, he, get, because, are, they, of, not, was, yes, where, there, then, from, saw, day, run, big, out, down, did, make, after**.** **New Words: no new words this week. Keep practicing the words we have. Your child needs to be able to write and read these words “in a snap”! The students feel so proud when they accomplish these words!**

**Writing:** We are working on making the students more confident in their writing and to enjoy writing. We will be starting out How To unit in Writing. The students will pick a How To topic and write 3 steps on how to do something. We will be discussing what a How To is and how to write them. We will read a few how to books and then write our first few How To books together. We will work on adding details in our sentences as we are writing. We will continue to work hard on “Being a Smartie Speller” while we write. Our Kindergartners are really working hard on applying their letter/sound knowledge to the writing of words and sentences.

**Math:** In Math class we will be practicing counting by ones and tens using a hundreds chart. We’ll begin to learn about addition this week or the concept of “joining” by acting out stories and using lots of manipulatives to solve problems. We’ll learn that there are many different ways to make a number. We will continue working in small groups during centers, students will practice staying on task, using a quiet voice, and working cooperatively with others.

**Science:** This week, we will finish our Change over Time unit. We will explore and discussing all four seasons and create our very own season’s book. If time, we will begin talking about Weather as we prepare for our next unit!

* 3/18 – Early Release (1:15)
* 3/19 – Anoushka’s Birthday
* 3/21-3/24 – Read Across America Week
* 3/24 – No School
* 3/28 – Ms. Dodson’s Birthday!

# Important Dates

# Curriculum News

* Please remember to check the GREEN ALLIGATOR folder daily and return it to school. Remove anything in the “Keep at Home” side and check the “Return to School” side for important notes/info.
* Homework is sent home at the beginning of the month. It is optional to do. It reviews all the concepts that we are working on in class. Keep the packet at home until it is completed and send it back to school at the end of the month.
* Please send a water bottle in with your student each day for recess. It gets hot out there!
* In the Green Alligator on Monday, I will be sending home a permission slip for our field trip for the theater in April. The field trip cost $11. Please return the permission slip and money by April 1.
* I am sending home a parent concerns form for all parents to fill out and return as soon as possible. I am going to use this form to help guide our parent/teacher conferences. I will be sending out a signup genius in the near future for parents to sign up for parent/teacher conferences. I will be holding conferences in the month of April.
* We are currently without a teacher’s assistant in our classroom until further notice. Mrs. Bajerski’s last day was last Thursday. The only information I have as of now on a new TA is that the job is posted and administration are working on it. I will let all of you know when they hire a new TA for our class.
* We will be celebrating Read Across America Week next week, March 21 – 24. I will send home more information later this week in the Green Alligator Folder.
* Do to the snow day on Friday, January 22, we will make up the day of school on Saturday, April 2.
* If you are interested in ordering Scholastic books visit [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com), our “book club” class code is: N8ZZF.

# Reminders/Further Information

Monday: Art

Tuesday: Math

Wednesday: Media

Thursday: Guidance

Friday: N/A

# Specials

Ms. Dodson’s Classroom Newsletter

**Have a wonderful week!**

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### Alston Ridge Elementary

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Kindergarten is a Hoot!

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