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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 the reasons an author gives to support points in a text. We will be reading different non-fiction articles and will pick out the main idea and 3 details that support the main idea.

**Phonics:** This week in Word Work we are going be reviewing digraphs (sh, ch, wh, th, etc). In our Word Work Center this week we will be focusing on the digraphs. The students will be identifying words that stat with the digraph. We will also be talking about short vowels.

**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**.** **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 and focus on “the story of 5”. Students need to eventually know facts 1-5 fluently so practice at home would be great!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!

* 3/7 – Track-In Day
* 3/10 – Mrs. Bajerski’s last day
* 3/18 – Early Release (1:15)
* 3/19 – Anoushka’s Birthday
* 3/24 – No School

# 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.
* We will be tracking back in this coming Monday, March 7.  Our classroom did change this track-out and we will now be in room 216.
* I have some sad news for our classroom.  Our TA, Mrs. Bajerski, got a new job and will be leaving us on Thursday, March 10.  We want to wish Mrs. Bajerski luck in her new job!  She will be truly missed!
* 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: Math

Tuesday: Technology

Wednesday: Music

Thursday: Science

Friday: P.E.

# Specials

Ms. Dodson’s Classroom Newsletter

**Have a wonderful week!**

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