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* 12/18 – Early Release (1:15)
* 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 are working hard on following directions. We are slowly making progress. We are going to keep reviewing the classroom rules and working on this.
* Please send a water bottle in with your student each day for recess. It gets hot out there!
* 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. Here is the link to the signup genius [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C044FACA92CA2FA7-msdodsons](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044FACA92CA2FA7-msdodsons) for parents to sign up for parent/teacher conferences. I will be holding conferences in the month of April.
* 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

**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 be focusing on asking and answering questions about unknown words in a text. We will be learning strategies to figure out unknown words while reading. We will focusing on using the pictures, use the story for clues, go back and reread, use the first letter in the word, breaking words into smaller words, and sounding/blending letters in words.

**Phonics:** This week in Word Work we are going to be practicing long vowels. We will learn what each vowel say and work on identifying the vowel in CVC and CVCe 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 are going to start writing poems in writing class. When we write poems we use descriptive words to describe the topic. We will be wring poems for the next two weeks. 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 are going to keep working on 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 start discussing Weather. We will be talking about the different types of weather. We will be monitoring the weather daily and graphing what we observe. We will discuss wind and visit the flag to see how the wind moves it. We will finish our Weather Unit by talking about the different types of clouds.

* 4/20 – Amen’s Birthday
* 4/21 – Field Trip to Carolina Theater
* 4/22 – Gator Fest
* 4/24 – Dylan’s Birthday
* 5/11 – Field Trip to Life and Science Museum

# Important Dates

# Curriculum News

Monday: Art

Tuesday: Media

Wednesday: Science

Thursday: Math

Friday: Readers Technology

# Specials

Ms. Dodson’s Classroom Newsletter

**Have a wonderful week!**

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