

Mrs. Olsson's December Newsletter

(A204)

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Dear Parents,
We will focus on the following skills this month:



Reading

Phonemic Awareness:

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Demonstrate phonological awareness (e.g. counting syllables, hearing rhyme, alliteration, onset and rime) of sounds in words.

Fluency:

Use appropriate strategies of decoding (e.g. illustrations, phonics, word patterns, context clues) to recognize unknown words when reading material.

Use knowledge of letter-sound correspondences and high frequency words to orally read age-appropriate material.

Comprehension:

Summarize content of reading material using text organization (e.g., story, sequence.)

Tell a story with a beginning/middle/end.

Vocabulary:

Comprehend unfamiliar words using context clues and prior knowledge.

Writing/Grammar:



We will begin Unit 1 entitled: Note making and Outlines. Unit 1 emphasizes language acquisition and word discrimination. Words are weighed, evaluated, and placed in a usable format called a Key Word Outline. (KWO)

We will continue to practice constructing complete sentences which demonstrate subject/verb agreement; appropriate capitalization and punctuation; correct spelling of appropriate, high-frequency words; and appropriate use of the eight parts of speech.

Math:



We will continue Module 2 entitled: Place Value Through Addition and Subtraction Within 20. Module 2 serves as a bridge from problem solving within 10 to work within 100 as students begin to solve addition/subtraction problems involving teen numbers.



Science: We will begin a unit entitled: Solids and Liquids. Students will learn that matter can be a solid, liquid, or gas.

Social Studies: We will continue unit entitled: Past, Present and Future. Students will compare life now with life in the past; refer to primary source photograph and locate physical features on a map; distinguish between fact and fiction and recognize the difference between real people and fictional characters.

Important Dates



- **December 25th-January 5th-No School (Winter Break)**
****Students return back to school on January 8th****
- **January 15th-No School (Martin Luther King Day)**



- Spelling Word Test is every Monday.
- Sight Word Test is every Friday.
- Have your child read nightly for at least 20 minutes.
- Have your child do Chase School's wonderful computer programs at home: LexiaCore5, Reading Eggs, Compass Learning.
- Check Class Dojo every day for special announcements and to see your child's points earned.