

News from Kindergarten

January 5, 2018

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! The learners were welcomed back to school on Tuesday with New Year's celebrations every hour. Here is a list of the ways we celebrated and learned how to read analog and digital clocks to tell time to the hour:

- 9:00 Morning Meeting: Toast to the new year~ we sipped ginger ale in fancy glasses and wished our friends good luck and happiness in the new year. We also learned that the Earth rotates around the sun and how that movement creates hours, days, and years.
- 10:00 Reading~ we read *The Crayon Box That Talked* by Shane Derolf and talked about setting goals based on friendship and acceptance of others. The learners have a copy of the book to keep.
- 11:00 Writing~ we learned how to use mechanical pencils and are ready to start the new year off "write" with our great stories. The learners got to take a pencil to keep and write wherever they are and we now have that tool in our classroom too.
- 12:00 Quiet Time~ After lunch it is a great time to "unwind" so we got the gift of a scarf to help us keep warm.
- 1:00 Music~ we learned how to play the kazoo with Miss Auger. She explained how kazoos work and how they can help us with the correct way to breath and use our voices to improve our singing. We also learned how to listen to those around us and make beautiful music together. Each learner was able to take home a kazoo.
- 2:00 Math~ we graphed M and M candies to find out what the new year held for us. Each color represented a different quality for the new year. The learners were excited to find out if the new year held **adventure**, **peace**, **good health**, **new friends**, **happiness**, or **good luck** for them.



Mrs. Godbout, Kindergarten Teacher

Upcoming January events.....

- January 9** PTA meeting at 6:30 PM in the GES Library~ All are welcome to attend.
- January 10** Early Release Day~ All learners will be dismissed at 1:00 PM. There are no afternoon activities or programs for learners on this day.
- January 15** MLK Day~ No school for learners
- January 17** School Budget meeting @7:00 PM in GHS auditorium~ All are welcome to attend.
- January 19** Teacher Work Day~ No school for learners today
- January 26** GES Spirit Day~ Hat Day
- January 31** Early Release Day~ All learners will be dismissed at 1:00 PM. There are no afternoon activities or programs for learners on this day.

Hot Lunch Choices for This Week

- Monday** hamburger or chef's salad
- Tuesday** breakfast sandwich or ham sandwich
- Wednesday** tacos or chef's salad
- Thursday** mac and cheese or turkey sandwich
- Friday** Gill's homemade pizza or chef's salad



Breakfast is \$1.50.
Individual milk is 40¢.
Lunch is \$2.25 and includes milk.

Goal Setting

It was a very short week, but we have been checking and writing new goals for January. A copy of your child's completed goals from November/December and the new goals they have set will be sent home to you next week. The learners are getting better at setting reasonable goals and it is wonderful to see their confidence growing along with their skills.

Learners are now responsible for using **Size Matters Handwriting** standards to write their capital and lower case letter using the lines as guides. Please reinforce the correct letter formation to help your child develop the muscle memory needed to quickly write the letters.

My Kindergarten Goals

 I can write my first and last name!	 I know my colors!	 I know all my letter names!	 I know all my letter sounds!
a e i o u I know all the vowels and their sounds!	 pig bug I can read CVC words!	the can  see my I can read all my sight words!	the can  see my I can write all my sight words!
 I can rhyme!	 Hl lal lnl I can segment words!	 I can identify shapes!	 I can identify numbers 1-20!
 100!! I can write the numbers 1-100!	 100 I can count to 100 by 1's!	 10's I can count to 100 by 10's!	 I can add and subtract!