

# Kindergarten's Newsletter

February 19, 2016

Thank you to the volunteers who brought in items for our 100 day snack! It was extra special as we turned the day into "100 days with Madeline!" We said our good byes and wished our friend the very best at her new school! We will miss Madeline!

## Kinderkonzert

We have our last Oregon Symphony Kinderkonzert to go to on Monday. Please put your child's labeled car seat in the courtyard under your child's name.

## Religion

We have been "catching" our friends doing small acts of kindness and writing those acts down. We are close to 100! The students have been helping each other, paying compliments, and doing things as simple as sharing. It is so nice to hear students pointing out wonderful things about other students.

We are also talking about our character trait of the month— compassion. We are learning what this means and what this looks like in the classroom and in the world.

## Language Arts

We are working on metaphors and similes. We will try to figure out what the author really means based upon context clues within the books we read. We will read some of the Amelia Bedelia books to see how she does not understand these!

We have been practicing using end punctuation— periods, exclamation marks, and question marks. To further this at home, please have your child write a sentence each night on the math homework. When writing the sentence, please have your student start with a capital, spell phonetically, use spaces, and end with punctuation. The sentences can say anything your child wants! I love to read what they are thinking about!

## Math

We continue to work on decomposing numbers (making numbers in more than one way). A newer concept is switching how we write math sentences as well. For instance, we are practicing writing  $8 = 4 + 4$  or  $8 = 3 + 5$ .

## Social Studies

We will work with timelines about our birth until our present. We will also be ordering days, months, and making a calendar.

## Specialist Schedule:

Mondays- PE and music  
Tuesdays- music  
Wednesdays- art  
Thursdays- PE, library, and Spanish (check out and return day for library)  
Fridays- library and Spanish

## Dates to Keep:

2/19- Science Expo, 5-7  
2/22- Kinderkonzert, 9-10:30  
3/2- POW

## SLE: Schoolwide Learning Expectations

Your student will be bringing home a self-assessment on how he/she has fulfilled the SLEs during the week.

Please look it over with your child and use it as a tool to point out what they are doing well and what they can improve upon.

Lastly, write a goal for the following week, sign it, and return every Monday (or the first day back after the weekend).