



January News



Mrs. VanArsdel's Class

January 13-17

A Peek At Our Week

- We learned the sight words "two" & "what" this week. Keep practicing at home! Your support makes a huge difference. Thank you!!!
- We practiced identifying a word with a different ending sound in a set of words.
- We built the -op word family (cop, hop, chop, etc.)
- During shared reading we focused on summarizing a story by recalling the characters, setting, and beginning, middle, & end of the story.
- For writer's workshop we are focusing on finding a big idea to write about, sticking to our idea throughout our writing and adding details to support our idea. We also started talking about the writing trait "voice". We learned that just like a mirror reflects our image; our writing should reflect who we are.
- In handwriting we reviewed the letters Dd, Ee, & Ff.
- We began math Topic 9-Measurement. We compared and ordered items by length and we measure items using connecting cubes.
- Our theme activities this week focused on two stories by author Jan Brett. We read The Hat. We discussed the story elements, made a mini "Hat" book to put in our "book bags" to keep at school and made Hedgie the hedgehog from the story. We hung "Hedgie" in our classroom. We also read The Mitten. We made a mitten slide and used it to retell the story. We acted out the story as a class. We each took a turn using an animal mask to be one of the characters from the story. We pretended a sheet was the mitten and we got to crawl under the sheet. When the "bear" sneezed we threw the sheet up in the air. We had a lot of fun!

I was able to attend a district technology workshop yesterday and as a result we now have a classroom website! The web address for our classroom website is www.vanarsdelkindergarten.weebly.com. Our class website contains links to Internet resources, class newsletters, photos of classroom activities, kindergarten & first grade sight word lists and other resources to help extend your child's learning at home. Maintaining a website is a new adventure for me, so the website is a work in progress. However, I am extremely excited about this opportunity! I hope the site will be a resource for you, as parents, to use to assist your kindergarten student! ☺

What's Happening in Kindergarten?

- There is no school Monday, January 20th.
- Book orders are due Tuesday, January 21st.
- Tonight is PTO Storyteller Night. Doors open at 6:00.
- School will dismiss at 1:00 on Wednesday, January 29th.

Have a wonderful weekend! ☺