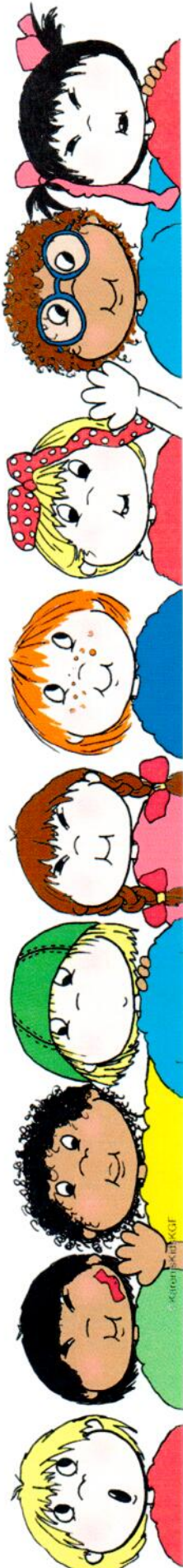


Mrs. Smith's Smidgens

Friday, Dec. 2nd, 2022



Phonograms

Taught Nov. 28th-Dec. 1st
To Be Taught Nov. 28th-Dec. 1st

"er, of nurse"

"ir, of first"

"ur, of nurse"

"wor, of works"

To Be Taught Dec. 5th-8th

"ear, of early"

Review all 5 er sounds

"ng" (1 sound)

"ea" (3 sounds)

Back in the Classroom on Monday!

I am happy to report that I will be back to teaching on Monday! I am back in the classroom today trying to get caught up. My understanding is that the students did well with the lessons I prepared and were well-behaved for the substitute teachers. Please tell your student that I am really looking forward to seeing them again!

Phonogram Test

Our next written phonogram test will be Thur., Dec. 8th. The phonograms will be t, v, w, x, y, and z. Notice that we have 6 phonograms as we complete the testing of the 26 alphabet phonograms. See Page 3 of this newsletter or the handwritten list. Your student will bring home their handwritten list on Monday.

Advent Chain

Your child brought home their ABC Pattern Advent Chain on Wed., yesterday. Every night when your child goes to bed, they are to remove 1 link. If they do this, when they go to bed on Christmas Eve, they will take off the last link and have only the star left. Enjoy the Christmas countdown!

Sound in a Sack

"i"

In your child's clues, please note if the item in the sack begins with the 1st sound ("i" as in igloo) or the 2nd sound ("i" as in iron). This is quite helpful to the students as they guess what's in the sack.

Math Concepts this Past Week

- * Lesson 8 and Lesson 9 Capacity
- * Lesson 10 Chapter Practice
- * Chapter 6 Opener
- * Lesson 1 Same and More

Looking Ahead to Next Week

- * Lesson 2 More and Fewer
- * Lesson 3 More and Less
- * Lesson 4 Practice: Part 1
- * Lesson 5 Practice: Part 2

Last Week's Read-Aloud Books

Fall Mixed Up

By Bob Raczka

Chicken Little

By Laura Rader

Jack and Jill and Big Dog Bill

By Martha Weston

Motion: Push and Pull, Fast and Slow

By Darlene Stille

Push and Pull

By Patricia J. Murohy

Move It! Motion, Forces, and You

By Adrienne Mason

Core Knowledge

We will continue our "Pushes and Pulls" unit this coming week. Our focus will be gravity and magnetism.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon., Dec. 5th-Thurs., Dec. 15th: Mitten Tree Donations Accepted
See the flyer on Page 4 of this newsletter for info. The Christmas Tree is up in our classroom, but it needs to be decorated!

Mon., Dec. 5th: Phonograms for Thursday's Test Go Home in Backpacks

Wed., Dec. 7th: Baggie Books Must Be Returned

Thurs., Dec. 8th: Return Library Book

Thurs., Dec. 8th: Written Phonogram Test

Thurs., Dec 8th: New Baggie Books Go Home

Wed., Dec. 14th: Kindergarten Christmas Program: "Holidays Around the World"
AM Class 10:00-11:00
PM Class 2:00-3:00

Invitations and RSVPs will be going home in backpacks on Mon., Dec. 5th. This is a "family and friends" event! We encourage students to dress up in their "Christmas best" for the program. If not dressing up, students should wear TCA uniform, preferably including a red or green shirt to look festive.

Thurs., Dec. 15th: Class Christmas Parties
AM Class 10:30-11:30
PM Class 2:30-3:30

Info from Party Coordinators should have already been sent to all parents. The Christmas Parties are for Kindergarten students and their parents/guardians, not for siblings. We will have a Book Exchange during our Christmas Party. Girls will bring a book for a girl; boys will bring a book for a boy. The price limit is \$5.00. Books should be wrapped and have only your child's name in the gift tag. Students may begin bringing their books to school on Mon., Dec. 5th. I have a large basket for them under our Christmas/Mitten Tree.

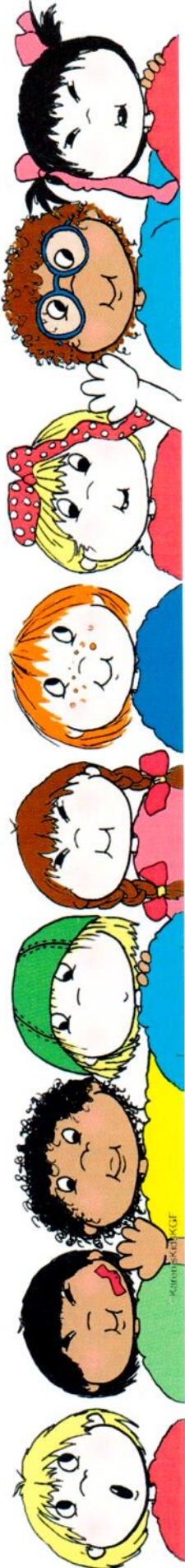
Thurs., Dec. 15th: Deadline for Mitten Tree Donations
See the flyer on Page 4 of this newsletter for info.

Thurs., Jan. 5th: Kindergarten Resumes

Fri., Jan. 6th

Fri., Jan. 13th: Middle of Year DIBELS Testing

An email with a SignUp.com link to schedule your child's MOY DIBELS Testing was sent earlier today. Please consider signing up for the Jan. 13th testing date if you think your child might need a little "extra time" to get back in the groove of school and academics after the long Christmas Break.



Written Phonogram Test
Thursday, Dec. 8th, 2022



Mrs. Smith

12/8/2022

t

z

v

w

x

y



The Mitten Tree

Between now and Christmas Break, my classes are "decorating" our classroom Christmas tree with "gifts of kindness." We are collecting the following items to decorate our Christmas tree that will then be donated to an organization that will bless the needy in our Colorado Springs community:

- * Mittens
- * Gloves
- * Hats
- * Scarves
- * Ear Muffs

Items may be new or used. "Used" items must be in good condition and freshly laundered. We especially like collecting children's items.

As with all TCA service projects, this is an optional activity that your child may choose to participate. Please help your child decide if they want to participate as well as how they would like to participate.

Would your child be willing to give away an "extra" pair of mittens or gloves? Would your child like to do a few extra chores and use the money earned at the \$1.25 Store buying hats and scarves? Would your child like to use part of their allowance to go to Wal-Mart and pick out a pair of cute ear muffs?

Students may bring in items any time between Mon., Dec. 5th and Thurs., Dec. 15th to "decorate" our Christmas tree. Thank you, parents, for considering this opportunity for your student to demonstrate generosity in our community!