

**Reading****By Ruby Sandler**

Hello Parents, Guardians, and Children. Lately our class was working on a story called "Amazing Bird Nests". This story is about where birds build their nests. We've also been working on things like drawing conclusions and author's pie (author's purpose). The P in pie stands for persuade. The I stands for inform. Last, but not least, the E stands for entertain. We are at the end of unit two, so we are working on a big unit test. I love how all these things are so fun. I just wanted to swing in and tell you guys what's going on with reading, That's all the things we're doing in reading.

**Science/Social Studies****By Amani Reed**

Hello Ladies and Gentlemen. In science we are learning about plants and their life cycles. We are going to take a test next Wednesday. Do you know what it is called when a plant makes food on its own? Well, it is called photosynthesis. The roots and stems bring in and carry up the nutrients and water to all the other plant parts. The leaves on a plant take in sunlight and carbon dioxide. These are used by the plant to do photosynthesis to make food.

**Writing****By John Keser**

We had been doing cursive. We have learned how to make lowercase cursive l, e, w, u, and i. We are also practicing typing on the computer with Typing Agent. You have to be fast and careful. It is fun. There are lessons and games to play. We have been doing Word Master words. You look up your word and write it on a piece of paper. You draw a picture for it too. It is a lot of fun. We have been doing Writing Buddies. They have a folder with stories and you have to help them make their stories better. This week we did an interview with our Writing Buddy.

**Specials****By Mrs. Harris**

→ **Art in the Studio**  
-Mrs. Workman The students have enjoyed learning the difference between positive and negative space. We learned what color saturation is. Our class is very talented.

**Upcoming Dates**

-**Thursday, 12-14** Math Pentathlon from 8:00-8:55  
Extra parent help is always welcomed.  
-**Mon, 12/25 - Fri, 1/5** Winter Break, NO SCHOOL  
-**Mon, 1/8** School resumes

**Math****By Rebecca Ramirez**

Hello Families! In math we are learning about multiplication and division. Did you know that the two numbers you multiply together are called factors and the answer is a product? We are also learning how to find distances between places. Maps are drawn to a scale and you use that scale to find the distance. For example, one inch might stand for 300 miles. If you measure two inches between places, the places are about 600 miles apart. We also go on Exact Path and Front Row. Keep practicing your math facts and keep track of your minutes on the calendar.

**Teacher Tidbits**

➤ It is cold outside, and now we are getting snow. Snow pants and boots ensure that a child can enjoy the snow in the field.  
➤ If you plan to join us for the Winter Celebration, be sure that a background check has been completed and approved. Extra parents are always welcome.  
➤ Congratulations to Justine Hogan and Isabel Vitale! Both girls had wonderful dance performances this past weekend in "Christopher's Christmas".