

K4B January 6th Newsletter

This Week's Activities

Math: Scholars were introduced to our new calendar which included a new month and year. This month we will work on learning the pattern AABB. Scholars should be able to create and identify an AB and an ABB pattern. Our shape for this month is the parallelogram. We learned how to use geoboards to make lines and shapes. We continue to discuss shapes, practice counting pennies, counting and adding items. Your scholars should now recognize and be able to write the numbers 0-10. Reversals in writing are common but the number should be readable.

January Homework

January homework was sent home on Monday. Please know the expectation is that your scholar does 3 activities each week. The goal is that the entire class is represented in the Homework Champs photograph. January homework is due on January 30th.



Reading: We reviewed the letters and letter sounds! Our reading objectives were to recognize and name all letters of the alphabet and identify the sound each letter makes. Our theme was families and we read and discussed various types of families. This was a direct tie into **Social Studies:** Scholars are identifying a family as a group of people who live together. We identified how families are the same and how families are different. Scholars were asked to identify how family members care for and love each other.

Science: This week the scholars explored marbles, bouncy balls, ping pong balls and magnetic balls with cardboard tubes. Scholars were exploring how things move and that magnets can make some things moved without being touched.

Blue Star Behavior

December's behavior was amazing! K4B had 14 of 17 scholars stay on green for the **entire month of December**. Staying on green meant that your scholar needed 3 or less reminders/redirections. To kick off the new year and to reward the scholars that have great behavior, K4B is now including a blue star to end the day. For your scholar to earn a blue dot in their folder they will go the entire day without any reminders/redirections to correct behavior. This will be very hard to do as some scholars need a few reminders throughout the day, which is normal. **Please understand green behavior is the goal.** Blue star is going above and beyond! As a class we identified green behaviors- listening and following all directions, following rules and meeting expectations, keeping hands to self, being kind, being quiet in the halls and the bathroom. A blue star scholar would do all of the above without any reminders/redirections. Moving forward, scholars who earn 8 blue dots in a month will earn a special show and tell opportunity. It is an exciting time for all scholars to work on self-control and self-regulation. All scholars are ready for this opportunity!

Items send home this week:

***Letter Writing Review Sheets**-Scholars practiced writing upper case and lower case letters to review all the letters of the alphabet.

***Religion:** Samuel's Coat from Hannah coloring sheet and Lesson 11 from Alleu.

Have a wonderful weekend! Mrs. Bauer