

Kindergarten News

February 3, 2012



More or Less?



We have covered a lot of ground since I last wrote you and you will see your child's progress in the their report card that came home today! In Math we've been working on some key vocabulary. In the pictures above you see the children working on concepts of more and less. We have been comparing numbers and working 1 more and 1 less. We want these understandings to be fairly automatic. We continue to work on addition and subtraction with numbers from 1 - 10. We are looking at number "partners" for these numbers and creating stories that illustrate equations for them. Here is some vocabulary that you can reinforce at home:

- Total** - how much there is all together.
- Equal** - the same amount.
- More** - a bigger amount.
- Less** - a smaller amount.

We are moving quickly through the alphabet. We've added R, U, B and W to our letter sounds and the "ug" word family. Our new heart words are go and is. The children are doing very well with their letter sounds and are working to remember all of the heart words. Our heart words to date are:

a	I	is
and	like	my
go	see	to

These are also good good to practice at home!

We have a several important events in February. First, I will be planning another trip to The Farm Institute to learn about sheep. Stay tuned for dates. Valentine's Day is on the 14th. We will exchange Valentines. If you plan to have your child bring them in, please be sure that they have one for every child. I have attached a list of names to help you remember everyone. Since I last wrote, Erick Bastos moved to Boston and we will have a new student beginning on Monday. Her name is Isabella Osborn.

Friday February 10 is the 100th Day of School! We have a big celebration on the 100th day. The children are asked to bring in a collection of 100 things, displayed in groups of 10. We will hold a 100's Day Museum for parents and other students to come and view our collections. This really is a big deal and I hope you will all be able to make it. It will be from 9:00 - 10:00 am in our classroom. Mark your calendars! I am sending home ideas for collections that other children have done in years past.

Reminders:

- Gym is on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. PLEASE be sure to have your child wear or bring sneakers to school. A lot of children have had to sit out at gym because they don't have sneakers.
- Library is on Thursday. Your child needs to return his/her book to exchange for another.
- School is closed on Monday, February 20, in observation of President's Day.
- School is closed from February 22 - March 2 for vacation.

Have a wonderful weekend!
Maria, Debbie and Liz

