

The Kindergarten Connection

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Happy New Year!

Highlights

- Our themes for the month are winter/snow, Martin Luther King, Jr., penguins/polar animals, and Eskimos.
- Our Bible verses for the month are:
“*Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to these.*” ~ Mark 10:14
“*We love Him, because He first loved us.*” ~ I John 4:19
- In reading, we will work on reading consonant-vowel-consonant words and rhyming words. The two vowel rule and silent e rule will also be introduced. We will be concentrating on not only learning the short and long vowel sounds in words, but also how to correctly mark the vowels in words.
- Additionally, the first set of high frequency words (sight words) will be sent home after the Christmas break. Our goal is for students to master (read) the entire set of high frequency words by June. Please have your child practice these at home and send back the slip provided when he/she is ready to be tested orally with us at school. Upon successful completion of the task, we will in send you the next set of 25 words to practice at home, and your child will earn a well deserved trip to the treasure box.
- During math, students will be learning addition, counting by tens, practicing counting money using pennies and dimes, reviewing time to the hour, and numeral recognition through the nineties family.
- **We continue our read-aloud incentive program with a goal of a minimum of 17 books for the month of January.** Students will earn a free dress pass for every month that our goal is met. Reading aloud to your child is a vital way to enrich his/her vocabulary and to model sentence fluency and cadence. Remember that if you read to your child often, your child will someday read to you!
- **Sharing will be conducted on Friday, January 5th and 19th.** Please remember to bring only **one** item to share, placed in a paper bag with *three* written clues. This makes it fun for the sharer and the whole class!
- **Report cards for kindergarten will be going home at the end of the month.** We will be doing some additional assessments with the students in class in order to give you an accurate picture of your child’s growth for the first two quarters of school and allow us to comment on his/her present academic, social, physical and spiritual profile on paper. Our second semester begins on January 23.

- Please mark your calendars now for our annual Open House event. Achiever Christian School's Open House will be on January 7, 2012, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please plan on attending, and feel free to invite family members, friends, and neighbors as well. If a person you have invited turns in a postcard with your child's name on it to the registration table, your child will get a free dress pass!
- Open House activities will provide opportunities for you to:
 - ❖ Explore each classroom and discover how each one offers its own unique perspective for your child
 - ❖ Enjoy specific classroom activities
 - ❖ Meet teachers and administrators
 - ❖ Play on our sports field
 - ❖ Visit our upgraded computer lab
 - ❖ Join us for a free lunch
 - ❖ Tour the campus
- In Mrs. Ochineró's class, please return labeled and laundered art smocks, and, for full day students, towels used for resting, as soon as possible.
- Winter weather is upon us. Please send your child to school with a warm jacket. Layering helps keep the children comfortable with our warmer mid-mornings and afternoons. On rainy days, an umbrella and waterproof jacket would be helpful because many of our enhancement classes are up the hill and a walk up the back path can get us very wet. Please note that outerwear/non-uniform jackets may be worn at recess and while traveling to and from our enhancement classes, but they are **not** allowed to be worn in the classroom. Please see that your child has an Achiever Christian School logo sweatshirt or jacket or any **navy blue** cardigan to wear inside the classroom.

Dates to Remember in 2012

- January 2 School resumes (Monday)
- January 5 Sharing
- January 7 Open House (school-wide) 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Saturday)
Remember to enjoy a free lunch for the whole family too!
- **January 16 No School-** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 19 Sharing
- January 20 First Semester Ends
- January 25 Hawk Award Chapel
- January 27 Administration/Parent Social from 1:00-3:00pm