



# Mrs. Tosch's Newsletter

## December 21, 2018

### We Are Learning

Thank you so much to all the parents involved with our holiday party—especially Ms. Lennox, Ms. Ontiveros, and Mrs. Brennan for organizing it. The children really had a great time!

It is hard to believe, but the holiday break is here. Please take a few minutes each day to review the alphabet, numbers, and words. Also, please remember to read to your child **OFTEN** over the break. There are so many wonderful holiday and winter stories. If you do not have many children's books at home, the Portage Public Library is a wonderful place to visit!

When we come back, our focus will be:  
Topic—learning the months of the year (with music from the Month Macarena) and winter Letters—We will continue to review all year Words—review  
Math—counting orally to 50, writing numbers to 20, and beginning addition  
Reading—rhyming and consonant sounds  
We are also beginning to discuss the story elements when we read a story—characters, setting, problem, and solution. See if your child can share these with you from stories you share at home.  
Nursery Rhyme—Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

*Have a great couple of weeks off!*

## Happy Holidays!!

### ONLINE REVIEW

A great review over the holiday break is to use the programs Reading Eggs and Math Seeds. These can be used anytime at home—not just on elearning days! Some of the other programs on Crisman's website provide a great review too.

### On the Back

On the back are some practice cards to help your child get a good “feel” for the numbers 1-10. I quickly flash similar cards to the students—not giving them time to count the dots but practice in memorizing the dot patterns to represent the numbers.

### Important Dates

Dec. 22-Jan. 6 Holiday Break—**no school**

Jan. 10 Semester Ends

Jan. 11 Teacher Records Day—**no school**

### Reminders

- Please remember to save *Box Tops for Education*. We will be having a contest with them soon!
- Save those pop tabs too!
- Turn in the **Homework Calendar** as soon as you are finished. I will take them after the holiday vacation. I have extras if you need them.
- Please put names on coats, boots, hats . . .

### Home Practice Ideas For Dec.

- Please *read with and to* your child *everyday*.
- Help your child listen for and tell you what the beginning, middle, and ending *sounds* are in short, 3-letter words.
- Practice tying shoes and buttoning and zipping coats.
- Have paper, pencils, crayons, and markers available for writing and drawing.
- Practice writing letters and numbers to 20.
- Find letters, numbers, and words on signs, products, license plates . . .
- Work on the monthly Homework Calendar.



