



January 6, 2012

## **Primary 2 Newsletter**

Dear Primary 2 Families,

We hope that you and your families enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. We are looking forward to productive and exciting winter months ahead in our classroom!

“Peace” is our topic for our Unit of Study for the months of January and February. We will study various “peacekeepers” throughout history.

Your child must have his/her Homework Folder to get papers at the end of the day. Papers have a better chance to get home in Homework Folders than in backpacks or lunchboxes alone. We remind the children that if they forget to put the Homework Folder in the box in the morning, they may do so before lunch or after playtime.

Please help your child remember to correct and return their math drill by the following “Math Drill Day”. “Math Drill Day” is Wednesday’s for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year children and Friday for 1<sup>st</sup> year children.

Special Sharing Day will be Monday, January 9. Children are invited to bring in a toy that they received as a Holiday gift. Please see that the toy is not violent nor suggests violence.

**Special Notice to 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Parents:** If you would like your child to participate in a Math/Science Camp this summer with Susan Walling from July 23-27, contact Susan soon.

### **Important Dates in January:**

January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, No School
January 20	Interim Reports Mailed
January 27	Open House for adults only 9-11
January 29 –February 4	Catholic Schools Week and Montessori Education Week

### **Curriculum**

Following, you will find information about lessons and studies in which your child will be involved during January.

#### **LANGUAGE ARTS**

##### **REMINDERS:**

Spelling Homework is to be turned in on Wednesday. Incomplete homework will be finished during playtime on Thursdays.

Rainbow Library: First year children check out books on Fridays, second year children on Fridays and books are to be returned the following week. Third year children check out books the first Friday of the month. The book is to be completed with one month. The children will have an assignment in class with their book.

First year children:

##### **Writing**

Journals

Poetry writing

Beginning cursive practice (lower case)

##### **Word Study**

Capital letters and end marks

### **Grammar**

Animal Nouns  
Article, “a”, “an” and “the”  
Introduction to the adjective

Second year children:

### **Writing**

Journals  
Poetry writing  
Begin capital cursive letters

### **Word Study**

Dictionary Skills  
Word Charts  
Homonyms

### **Grammar**

Noun, Adjective, and Verb Grammar Boxes  
Begin preposition Lessons

Third year Children:

### **Writing**

Journals  
Poetry writing  
Cursive Writing practice

### **Word Study**

Homonyms  
Word Charts  
Prefixes and suffixes

### **Grammar**

Review Adverbs  
Introduction to Pronouns

## **MATH AND GEOMETRY**

First year children:

### **Subtraction Facts**

Subtraction Strip Board  
Subtraction Flip Books

### **Multiplication Facts**

Multiplication Bead Bars  
Multiplication Flip Books

### **More Than 2 Addends and Missing Addends**

Bead Bars

### **Exchanging Process of Addition, Multiplication and Subtraction**

Use of the Stamp Game

### **Addition, Multiplication and Subtraction**

Small Bead Frame - 2-digit static

### **Number Line**

Introduction to a Number Line and using a number line for solving addition and subtraction facts and more than two addends

### **Graphs**

Pictographs and Bar Graphs

### **Coin Combinations**

Pennies, dimes and nickels

### **Linear Measurement**

Inches

### **Constructive Triangles**

Rectangle Boxes 1 and 2 – Quadrilaterals

Large and Small Hexagon Box

Second year children:

#### **Column Addition**

Dot Board – units and tens

#### **Addition, Multiplication, Subtraction and Division Fact**

Charts and bead bars

#### **Commutative Property of Addition and Multiplication**

Bead Bars

#### **Exchanging Process of Addition, Multiplication and Subtraction**

Use of the Stamp Game and Small Bead Frame to exchange units, tens and hundreds

#### **Exchanging Process of Division**

Use of the Stamp Game to exchange thousands and hundreds

#### **Linear Measurement**

Continuing with  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches

#### **Money**

Penny, nickel and dime combinations

Quarter

#### **Geometry Nomenclature C**

Continuation of the study of angles

Using a protractor

Third year children:

***Important Note:* It is very important that your child study and memorize the addition, subtraction and multiplication facts at home so that they will be prepared for their time to be tested at school. We are beginning with the Addition facts.**

#### **Exchanging Process of Addition, Multiplication and Subtraction**

Abstract work with exchanging in all places and numerous times within a problem

#### **Linear Measurement**

Work with inches, half inches, and quarter inches

#### **Coin Combinations**

Work with all coins

#### **Graphs**

Exploring different kinds and uses of graphs.

Constructing graphs

#### **Geometry Nomenclature F**

Quadrilaterals

## **CULTURAL SUBJECTS**

### ***Botany and Zoology***

First year children:

Parts of a Bird

Parts of a Mammal

Animal Stories 1

Parts of the Flower

Second year children:

Animal Stories

Types of Underground Stems

Third year children:

Invertebrate Chart

Phyla of Porifera and Coelenterate

***Geography and History***

1 <sup>st</sup> year children:	Land and Water Forms Calendar Skills
2 <sup>nd</sup> year children	History of the Calendar Map Skills
3 <sup>rd</sup> year children	Begin the study of the History of the Earth Map Skills

As always, please feel free to contact us anytime with questions or concerns. We wish peace and happiness to all of you and your family in the year 2012!



Sincerely,

Kathy and Jennifer