

Kindergarten “CONN"ection

**December 5th, 2016**

***News to Share:***  

***PTA & Upcoming Events:* (**[**http://connpta.org**](http://connpta.org)**)**

* Now-Dec 14th Giving Tree Project
* 12/12-12/16 Winter Workshop
* 12/19 Gingerbread Houses
* 1/18 Early Release 1:15pm
* 12/22-1/2: Winter Break – **Returning on 1/3/17**
* 1/4 PTA Meeting at 6:30
* 1/16 Martin L. King Day - No School
* 1/20 Early Release 1:15
* 1/27 Teacher Work Day – No School

***Winter Workshop:*** Winter Workshop goes along with our Wants and Needs Social Studies module. We would appreciate supply donations. Please keep an eye out for more information about winter workshop.

***Gingerbread Houses:*** We have the opportunity to be involved in an on-campus STEM Gingerbread House Workshop. All supplies will be provided. If you are a Wake County approved volunteer we’d love you have your help during this time. Please let your child’s teacher know if you are available to help. The cost is $10.00. Please send in all money by Friday, Dec. 16th. We will create Gingerbread Houses Monday, Dec 19th from 2-3:00pm.

***Parent Connection:*** ***Over the break*** make sure your child is read to or reading to you each night. In addition, have your child keep a winter journal. In the journal, they can write a few sentences about their day and the different things they are doing while out of school.

***The Kindergarten Team ☺***

# *Curriculum Update*

***Reading and Literacy:***  We are learning to stretch our words and listen for sounds in the words. We are also learning about antonyms (opposites). We are continuing to identify characters, setting, and details in texts. You can help your child by asking questions during and after reading a story together. We are diligently working on SIGHT/SNAP WORDS. Please practice them at home. You can use the Sight Words sheet shared with all families the week of 11/28. Also, we hope you are finding the Reading Strategies bookmark helpful at home. **Extra home practice will help your child become a better reader.**

***Math:***  Students are continuing to decompose teen numbers using 1 or 2 tens frames. YouTube as a great Teen Number Song by Harry Kindergarten. As students decompose teen numbers they learn to see 15 has a 1 group of ten and 5 “extra” ones. In addition, they have been adding numbers to make a “teen” number, 10+5=15.

***Writing:*** We are finishing up our pattern writing. Students have been writing their own pattern sentences, using word wall words (SIGHT/SNAP WORDS) to help them create the sentences. For example: I see the snow. I see the rain.

***Letterland:*** Letterland continues to break apart words and blend them back together while practicing proper formation of letters and learning the significance of vowels in words. We will also continue to learn CVC words and onset/rhymes in words (c-at is cat, h-at is hat).

***Modules****:* The month of December is always a lot of fun in Modules! We will start with our Winter Workshop on Monday 12/12. Students earn pennies at the beginning of the week for working on crafts and then will purchase the crafts with their pennies to give as gifts to family at the end of the week. It’s a great lesson in earning money to provide for our needs and wants. We will be learning about the STEM – engineering process the following week as we learn about blueprints and building Gingerbread houses and create our own sweet masterpieces!



**Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns ☺**

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