



Week of 1/17/2011

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## Kindergarten News

### Science



The students have enjoyed the weather unit in Science. We have learned about the different types of clouds. We have learned about lightening and thunder. The children loved learning how to tell if a storm is moving closer or farther away. Ask your child to tell you the "secret". We also learned safety techniques if you are caught outside while a storm hits. We made fun cloud pictures and worked hard on a weather dictionary.

Next week we will start learning about the human body. We will learn about major organs in our body and how to take care of them. We will display life size cut outs of the children's body with the organs displayed. It will be an amazing addition to our body unit.

### Reading



**I have started reading a chapter book to the children. I read one chapter and then we discuss it and the girls also predict what will happen in the next chapter. The series of books I am using is "Cam Jansen". She is a little girl who likes mysteries and has a great memory. I just started with Chapter One and the girls are loving it.**

**We continue to read books together on a daily basis. Please practice the Sight Words. Next week a new list will be coming home.**

Please note the date change for our Science Fair. It will be on Wednesday, February 23, instead of February 16. We're looking forward to seeing the cool science projects that the children will be bringing from home.

### Math



**We are now working on geometric shapes and patterns. This has been a challenge for us – but we will get this concept. If you get a chance, please practice patterns with your child at home using shapes. We are doing this in the classroom with playdough! Super fun watching the girls make shapes out of playdough and then making a pattern. Hands-on activities work well with this unit.**

**We are counting by 5s. Please practice this at home. We are counting up to the number 50. Next week we will include counting by 10s.**

### General



**Journal writing has begun! Every week the girls will write in a journal and then they draw a picture about what they wrote. I always start the sentence for them. This week's sentence was "My Best Friend is..... I really encourage the girls to sound out the words on their own. This is a fun way to encourage writing and also their imagination.**

**We are starting to say sentences in Greek on a daily basis. We have had so much fun doing this and the children are so creative. I love teaching them Greek every morning.**

There is no school on Monday, January 17, due to the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. Have a great 3 day weekend. Report cards will be coming home the first week in February.