



Butterflies Class

January 2021

Hello 2021! Goodbye 2020! I imagine you all are as happy about that as I am! I always enjoy the new year as we look to new goals, new hopes, New Year, new many things! It can be as refreshing as the cold air we breathe!

So we start out in January talking about the “New” things in the new year and the new season of winter and all the fun playing and science activities that can go along with snow and ice! The second week we will introduce Martin Luther King and they will learn his famous words “I have a dream” and talk about some of our own dreams. On that subject we will read the book: Sweet Clara’s Quilt, a longtime favorite of mine. We will also learn more about and investigate shapes and dinosaurs!

Along with the new year, I want to focus on learning sight words along with the letter sounds of L, M, N, and O. When you need something for them to do at home, especially during snow days, turn on Jack Hartman letter songs and counting exercise songs! His youtube videos are endless with catchy tunes and full of learning! Alphabet A-Z Jack Hartmann Alphabet Song Let's Learn From A -Z is the series of letter songs we use at school.

One of best things about winter is more relaxed time inside. Take the opportunity to jump start your child’s education by reading daily with them! Please take a moment to glance over the ideas attached and open a whole new world for your child!

While reading inside is awesome and vital, getting outside for fresh air and exercise is as well! If at all possible, PLEASE send boots and snow pants into school so we can explore the great outdoors together!

Happy New Year!!

Miss Cindy and Miss Britney

Upcoming Dates

January 18 No 9am– 12:30pm PreK

January 18-22 Winnie the Pooh

January 20 Pajama Day

READING WITH YOUR CHILD

Here are some suggestions for where and when to read to your child:

1. **Find a quiet place.** Select a quiet place and time for reading so your child will be able to listen without distractions.
2. **Be Comfortable.** Informal seating together on a couch, a bed, or the floor promotes a feeling of closeness while reading.
3. **Read every day.** You can communicate the pleasure of a good story by spending 10 to 20 minutes a day reading. You and your child will look forward to this happy time together.

How to read to your child:

1. **Begin with a smile.** As you begin to read, let your child know that you enjoy the time together.
2. **Read slowly.** Read in a low, relaxed voice, using expression where it is called for in a story. Your child will enjoy repeating favorite phrases with you. Encourage your child to join in the reading.
3. **Repeat words.** Your child may learn words that are repeated in a story. Call attention to words that are repeated frequently and encourage your child to say them with you as he or she recognizes them.
4. **Ask questions.** Children enjoy being involved in a story. As you read, ask "What do you think will happen next?" or "Why do you think the bear is mad?" The conversation that goes with reading aloud is as important as the reading itself. Discuss the story with your child and ask questions that draw attention to the pictures, require thinking and interpretation, elicit prediction, and relate the story to everyday life.

What to read to your child:

1. **Read enjoyable books.** Select books that you and your child will enjoy. Think about your child's interests and experiences as you make selections. The public library will be happy to help you find and choose good books for your child.
2. **Read a variety of books.** Sharing storybooks, wordless books, pop up books, nursery rhymes, and poetry will give your child a sense of the wide variety of enjoyment that reading can bring.
3. **Use picture books.** Children like picture books with large illustrations that they can examine in detail. They like to recognize objects from their own experiences.
4. **Read predictable books.** Predictable books are books with predictable, repetitive texts. They can help children make predictions, draw conclusions, and retell the story.
5. **Reread stories.** Read your child's favorite stories over and over again.

