



Room 12 News

MRS. DONOVAN'S KINDERGARTEN ~ DECEMBER 17, 2011

Handwriting

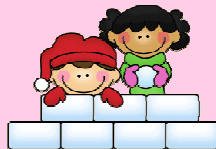
The children have been working hard on their handwriting. We practice the A-Okay pencil grip while writing. Ask your child to show it to you. Simply say... "How are you today?" Your child should respond back "I'm A-Okay" as they hold up their writing hand. Please check the Handwriting website to learn more about correct letter formation and to download extra practice sheets. The handwriting program is called D.E.W. (Drop Everything and Write). There are also many ideas for fine-motor activities. Check it out!

www.hinghamschools.com/finemotor

Winter Has Arrived...



and so has boot season! Please help to keep our classroom clean by sending in a change of shoes. Even if there isn't a lot of snow on the ground, there is salt, sand and mud on the sidewalks. This creates quite a mess in our room (and on our colorful "special square" rug!) Your child may either bring a change of shoes each day or simply leave a spare pair in his/her bin. Slippers are fine as long as they have rubber soles (to prevent slipping and protect feet in case of a fire drill.) Thanks so much for your cooperation.



Math Days

- We have had several math days since the last edition of *Room 12 News*. Some activities include:
- *Graphing* - gathering data, graphing it and analyzing it.
- *Ten Frames* - developing an awareness of the system of tens.
- *Number Line Math* - moving up and down a number line using addition and subtraction.
- *Top It* - playing a "War" type game with number cards.
- *Calculators* - exploring them and playing number games.
- *Attribute Blocks* - using characteristics of blocks to classify
- *Pattern Block Templates* - creating patterns and/or designs.
- *Gingerbread Math* - estimating, sorting graphing, measuring, patterning with gingerbread men!

Please, please, please practice those high-frequency words!! To date twelve cards have been sent home. The nine words that have been introduced in class are: *the, a, my, that, and, I, is, said & we*. Here's an idea... Make a bingo board game or a memory game to make this a fun activity. You could also make a "fishing" game. Make several "fish" with high-frequency words written on them. Add a paper clip to the "mouth." Make a fishing rod out of a stick or dowel and yarn/string. Add a small magnet to the end of the string. Let the fun and learning begin!



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