Week of January 02 – January 04

Grade	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
K	No School	No School	Day 5	Day 1	Day 2
	December 31	January 01	January 02	January 03	January 04
Homework	KL –Read 10-15 Minutes- Include Pre-Decodable Books KH- Same as KL above	KL Read 10-15 Minutes - Include Pre-Decodable Books KH- same as KL above	KL – High Frequency Word- *in*, Read 10-15 Minutes- Include Pre-Decodable Books KH- same as KL above	KL – Mathematics Practice, Read 10-15 Minutes Include Pre- Decodable Books KH- same as KL above	KL- Read for fun and pure enjoyment! KH – agreed: please find books you love and enjoy to read together :)
Specials			KL-Library (Books Due) KH – Library (return library books today)	KL-Art KH - None	KL-P.E. –Wear Sneakers KH – P.E. (remember your sneakers)

Overview

KL/KH –
Letter Chants:
Munching, monkey, munching monkey /m/ /m/ /m/
Sizzling sausage, sizzling sausage /s/ /s/ /s/
Dancing dino, dancing dino /d/ /d/ /d/
Popping popcorn, popping popcorn /p/ /p/ /p/
Calling lamb, calling lamb /a/ /a/ /a/ - Short /a/ (As in the word *sat*.)

We are reading the story *Don't Need Friends*. It is a fiction story about a grumpy junkyard rat that gives up on friendship after his best friend, Possum, moves away. When equally gruff Dog moves into the neighborhood, he and rat come to rely on each other and become friends. The message is that we all need friends and that we find friends in places we least expect-even when we are not looking for them. Key concepts included: it is important to be a friend. Sharing is an important part of friendship. Having friends can make life easier. Vocabulary introduced: *decision, mumbling, frowned, grouch, crate, barrel, howling, stomped, growled, complain, munched,* and *accidentally*.

Thanks for reading this week's digital backpack. Please have your child bring in a happy face. It can be drawn with pencil on a piece of scrap paper, cut from a newspaper/magazine, printed or colored with markers/crayons. It doesn't matter any happy face will get your child a ROCK ticket for this week.

Math: We are completing numbers to 20. If you see that your child is having difficulty with numbers in the teens, please practice these numbers at home. Using IXL math will help and/or manipulatives that show "10" and one more to make 11, 10 and 2 more to make 12; and, 10 and 3 more make thirteen, etc.

High Frequency Words: *a, the, and, go, had, he, I, see, has, you, we, of, in*

KH- Again, my heartfelt wishes for a wonderful holiday season and very Happy New Year 2013! Please keep doing what you have been, at home, to maintain reading, writing and math fluency by practicing reading different favorite books, pre-decodables; by offering opportunities for your child to write using letter sounds they know to make sentence "stories" with a picture to match the sentence; and, work with math using manipulatives, ixl.com at home, and talking about why math (being able to count with accuracy) is important to you. I continue to encourage the use of Starfall.com and Imagine It! (see websites below), as well, for reading and letter writing fluency. As always, please feel free to contact me anytime with questions/concerns. I love working with your children and look forward to seeing them again in the new year! Ms. Haynes

KL – It is important that your child continues to read their books. You will notice starting this year that the children will not have rebus type sentences and are expected to sound out unfamiliar words. The children have begun to practice this skill. It is important that you do not read the word for them, but that your child uses their blending skills to sound out the words independently. If they struggle, you may help them along by saying the sounds of the words, so your child can blend the sounds together to read the word. Reading improves only when you spend time reading. Enjoy reading! Happy New Year!

You may go on-line and order @ www.scholastic.com/bookclubs using my **Activation Code is HCC98.**

Dates to Remember

- **12/22 – 1/01 – Holiday Vacation**
- **1/14 – PTO Meeting @ 6:00 PM in the library**

Websites for at-home use

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