**“What’s the Scoop?” Newsletter**

**Week of February 28, 2014**

REMINDER: We have a student in class with peanut/tree nut allergies and also egg allergies. Please be mindful of what you send in for snack time. Thank You!

**FAMILY READING NIGHT: The Willoughby Fine Arts Association and Title I Reading have teamed up to present a KINDERGARTEN, FIRST and SECOND GRADES FAMILY READING NIGHT at Royalview on Thursday, March 6th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The fun will begin in the Oak Room where students will have the opportunity to make their own puppet from 6:00-6:45. Librarians from the Willowick Public Library will be available to assist with the acquisition of a library card. From 7:00-8:00 will be a performance of “A Year with Frog and Toad” in the large gym. The event is FREE ... Just let us know you are coming by calling 440 942-8939 or emailing Lori.Langan@weschools.org with your name and number attending. Hope to see you there!**

**COMPASS LEARNING:** Please have your child complete at least 20 min. per week at home on Compass Learning. That is the goal for all kindergartners. I will be running reports weekly from Compass to see who has been meeting the goal of 20 min. per week. Anyone meeting the goal will earn a sticker on their Compass chart here at school. Once it is full, they will earn a prize. There will also be opportunities for your child to go on Compass here at school to contribute to their weekly goal.

**Calamity Days:** In an effort to be proactive, we have developed a contingency plan if we were to exceed the allotted number of calamity days, regardless of the total number. Right now, there is legislation in the Ohio House and Ohio Senate that could add three days to the current allowance of five days. Regardless of the allotment, we will use the following days in this order to make up any necessary calamity days if needed: **Monday, March 24, Monday, April 21, Friday, June 6.** You will be notified if these days are needed.

**No Excuse Words:** Please continue to practice Kindergarten No Excuse words nightly at home. The list of words is below. Thanks!

**COLD WEATHER:** As the weather gets colder & snowier, it is imperative that your child come to school prepared for the day’s weather. We will still go outside for recess every day unless the temperature dips below 20 degrees. **Please send your child to school with winter coats, hats, gloves, snow pants, and boots.** Thank You!

**Upcoming Events:

March 11th – PTA Skating Party 5-8 p.m. USA Skates**

**March 15th – Royalview School Carnival 11:00-2:00**

**March 19th – Kindergarten Registration Day (if you have a new kindergartner for next year)**

**March 24th – No School**

 **Books we read...:  “From Caterpillar to Butterfly,” “Benjamin Franklin: Inventor,” “Anansi and Grasshopper,” “Frog and Toad All Year”**

**Our "Fancy" Words**(new vocabulary)**:   , curious, process, slender, onomatopoeia, observe, schema, stamina, meteorologist**

**TARGET SKILLS:**  We have learning targets aka "Target Skills" in our classroom. As we work on each of these skills, your child should become more competent in them.  Before each lesson, we talk about the target skill so that your child knows exactly what they will be learning in that lesson.  I will update the target skills as they change.

    **PHONICS/LETTER TARGETS:   -et, -en word families**

**\*We’ve not covered all 26 upper/lowercase letters of the alphabet! Now the focus shifts to applying that knowledge to reading & writing.**

**Review:** Tt, Bb, Ff, Mm, Nn, Cc, Aa, Ii, Rr. Oo, Gg, Dd, Ss, , Ee, Uu, Ll, Hh, Kk, Jj, Pp, Vv, Ww, Zz, Qq

  **NO EXCUSE WORDS: came, but, find, from, on**Review: we, can, here, is, my, I, have, a, the, see, in, at, for, look, me, go, like, to, and, you, went, this, play, of, said, it, what, many, how, so, where,
                                  Color Words:  orange, blue, purple, black, white, yellow, pink, brown
                                  Number Words:  one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, zero

**READING TARGETS: Making Inferences, Sequencing Events, Summarizing, Key Details, Asking & Answering Questions, characters/setting, predict/infer, sequencing actively listening to a story, asking & answering literal questions about a story.**

 **WRITING TARGETS: Writing 2 (or more) a 5-point sentences to tell about an illustration (1. Uppercase at beginning, 2. Lowercase for the rest (except “I” and names), 3. Fingerspaces between words, 4. Punctuation at end, 5. No Excuse words spelled correctly)**

**MATH TARGETS:   Composing/Decomposing #11-15, Adding and Subtracting, Understanding and naming the + / - / = symbols, writing number sentences using these symbols**

**Review: Counting to 100, Using 100’s charts, Numbers 18-20, “One More” with #11-20, Number Sense #’s 11-20, Greater than/Less than/Equal to with #’s 0-20**

*\*math vocabulary-****addition, in all, subtraction, minus, take away****, ordinal number, greater than, less than, equal to, one more*

**SCIENCE TARGETS: LIFE SCIENCES – Living vs. Nonliving things,**

*Last Unit: Solving Problems, Scientific Process, Working with others to learn, Form a hypotheses, conduct an experiment, Observing using 5 senses, Asking questions*

 *\*Science vocabulary: observe, senses, experiment, hypotheses, tools,*

**SOCIAL STUDIES: “American Monuments,” Seasons vs. Weather, Symbols of holidays**

 ***\*Social Studies vocabulary: map, globe, continent, ocean, river, lake,***

      **BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION:**  At Royalview, we collect Boxtops for Education.  These "Boxtops" can be found on many products that you buy at the grocery store. By cutting these off of the product and sending them in to school, Royalview earns ten cents per boxtop.  We will use the money to buy much needed supplies for the school and classrooms. To learn more, please visit the website [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com/).   Thanks!