

# KINDERGARTEN NEWS FOR JANUARY 2025

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a joyous Christmas and a great New Years celebration! I enjoyed the break, but I'm so ready to get back to our routine!

With the new year comes lots of new learning adventures in kindergarten! **Writing Workshop** will include writing books as well as two new genres ("How-to" writing and persuasive writing). Also, as they finish their handwriting packets, they will move on to "super sentences", and put all that great penmanship to good use! We also have some really fun science and social studies units coming up which will encourage writing and reading across the curriculum!

Speaking of "reading", this is the time of year when things start to really "ramp up"! The focus will still be on phonics and sight words, but we will also be doing a lot of decoding practice. Be sure and have your child read the little books, poems, etc, that will be coming home. Then in February, we will start the "read at home book folders"...much more on that later.



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# JANUARY UNITS OF STUDY:

**Social Studies** - New Year, Martin Luther King Jr.

**Science** - Winter/Weather, Penguins, The Arctic and Antarctica

**Writing Workshop** - "How-to Writing", Writing with a Purpose, Author's Chair

**Handwriting+** - Super sentences!

**Math** - Addition and Subtraction to Ten, Story Problems

**Literacy:** Decoding, "Secret Stories", Shared Reading "Reading Strategy Buddies",

**Author Studies** - Jan Brett

**Art** - Snowflakes & Snowmen

**Bible/Fruit of the Spirit** - Kindness!

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, January 16 — Field Trip to Library, 9:45-11:30

Friday, January 17 — Pajama Day! Wear P.J.'s to school!

Monday, January 20 — No School; Martin Luther King Jr. Day

