

## First Grade - KTA

### Math corner

Our students are becoming more skilled at working with larger numbers in math. We are teaching strategies for adding numbers below 100, finding ten more and ten less, ordering numbers, and solving problems. Our goal is to help your children become mathematical thinkers.

### In Spalding

The first 3 mental actions for reading are **Monitoring Comprehension** (checking understanding as they identify words and phrases) **Making Connections** (Linking the stated information with prior knowledge to infer) and **Predicting** (forecasting, supporting or revising forecasts using information they know).

Dec. 7

# Friday News

## Assessments and report cards

The end of every quarter brings various assessments in reading, writing, spelling, and math. You may see fewer papers come home as we hold work samples to see year-to-date progress and to grade over the break. (That's what 'break' means for a teacher - some downtime for grading and planning. ☺)

**Report cards** will come home on January 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Reading over winter break

Parents, it is SUPER important that young children continue reading outside of school. Some of our kids are just beginning to read and need the practice to develop their skills; others are reading fluently and can improve their speed and vocabulary with LOTS of reading. We often see a drop-off in students' skills if they haven't practiced reading over a two-week break. Your help and support here are so important!

GRANDPARENTS' DAY: Wed Dec 19.

9:30-10:00 activity in the classroom

10:00-10:30 lunch

10:30-11:00 recess

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## Wish list

Thank you to those parents who have contributed time and materials for our classrooms. Here are some wish list items for the second half of the year:

- Glue sticks
- Crayons (Crayola)
- Markers (Crayola bright colors)
- Ticonderoga pencils
- White board markers (black is best)

1. wind	6. along	11. same	16. forgot	21. phone	26. became
2. wind -a toy	7. lost	12. glad	17. guess	22. store	27. brother
3. print	8. name	13. with	18. hang	23. supper	28. rain
4. air	9. room	14. mine	19. meat	24. through	29. keep
5. fill	10. hope	15. chair	20. mouse	25. toe	30. start

## Phonograms

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