The Kindergarten News Week 23 January 15th, 2018 and Week 24 January 22nd, 2018

Theme- Solar System/ Careers Expressive Vocabulary-

moderate: not too much, not too little, neither extreme

noble: showing greatness of character

oasis: a fertile spot where there is water in a desert

pertinent: related directly to the purpose **Review**- Letters: Mm and Nn/ Oo and Pp

Fable: The Boy and the Hazelnut

Proverb: "The early bird gets the worm"

Manners: Ask before you borrow

Sight Words- Jan 15th - sleep, stop, that, then, there

Jan 29th- they, this, three, what, when

Student of the Week-Jake Marzullo (taken home Fri. Jan. 19th and returned to school on Mon. Jan. 22nd)

Isabella Szczesny (taken Fri. Jan. 26th and returned to school on Mon. Jan.

29th)

Author Study-Denise Fleming

Language Arts: We will focus on blends and diagraphs the next few weeks. When we talk about blends we learn that the letters keep their sound. For example, *st* is a blend. When we talk about digraphs however, the letters join together to make a new sound. CH-makes the "choochoo" sound, SH-makes the "quiet" sound, TH-makes the "thumb" sound and WH-makes the "whistle" sound. Careers will also be discussed and the boys and girls will all get to share what they want to be when they grow up. We will learn that a career is a job that you have when you are an adult. The students will learn the importance of having a career and will become familiar with the term occupation and income. We will also focus on how people learn to do their careers (college or training) and we will have a discussion about the many different career opportunities we have today.

<u>Math</u>: We have many readiness papers that include telling time, classification, adding and subtracting. We are looking forward to a great 100th day celebration! The boys and girls are in for a fun day filled with activities dealing with the number 100!

<u>Science:</u> This week we will focus on an experiment called Emerald City Pennies. The children will be using vinegar to turn pennies green. This lesson will teach the children what a chemical reaction is.

Social Studies: We will be celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 15th. Students will learn about Martin Luther King Jr. through a cut and paste activity and informational stories. The term segregation will also be introduced to help the boys and girls learn why Martin Luther King Jr. is important in our lives today. During the next few weeks the boys and girls will take a journey through space and learn about our Solar System! We will learn about planets and will understand that we live on planet Earth. Students will become familiar with the universe and galaxies. There may be a future astronaut in our class!

Art: As Valentine's Day is quickly approaching, we will all have fun making craft projects and cards for the people that we love. Look for some interesting self portraits to arrive home later

this month.

- * 100th day of school celebration on Tuesday, January 16th

 * I will be evaluating the children in the upcoming weeks to prepare for parent/teacher conferences held on February 19th and 20th. Sign-ups time sheets will be available shortly.
- *Don't forget...your child is welcome to attend our Bobbie Noonan's Summer Camp! There is a \$30.00 activity fee. Please see the office for paperwork.