

*The people who influence you are the people that believe in you.*  
*-Henry Drummond*

## **\*The Kindergarten News\***

*for the week of 11/30/20*

- **Theme-** The Arctic/Weather
- **Expressive Vocabulary-** amiable-friendly and pleasant  
bias –a mental or emotional preference
- **Introduce-** Counting by 5's to 100/ Greater Than & Less Than/ Review Aa & Bb
- **Bits of Intelligence-** Composers
- **Manners-** Say "Excuse me"/Do not tattle

### **Language Arts**

This week we will begin a new unit of study on The Arctic. We will learn that the native people who inhabit this cold region of the far north are known as the Inuit. Our discussion will focus on how the Inuit survive, their homes (which aren't only igloos), and daily life, as well as Arctic animals and the Arctic environment. We will also start a second review of the alphabet, this time with an increased level of difficulty in our printing papers and phonics sheets. Our Independent Reading Stories curriculum broadens to include the introduction of Beginner Readers! We will be utilizing a series of leveled books from the Reading A-Z program. Once your child can successfully read their book to me with relative fluency, your child will be allowed to bring their reader home to read to their family. Please be aware that the reader should be returned the following school day.

### **Math/Science**

The boys and girls will be introduced to a new form of skip counting this week. We will learn to count by 5's to 100. Our work with the concept of greater and less than will expand to incorporate the > and < symbols. We will learn that > or < symbol always wants to eat the bigger number, so that is how we determine which way it should point! The children will continue to work on their addition as well. The children really seem to be getting the hang of using their number line to solve equations rather than using their fingers. In science, we will start a new unit on weather. We will discuss what causes the weather, how the weather affects us, and perform some fun science experiments, too. This is also the perfect time for us to review the four seasons.

### **Important Dates**

December 3.....Happy Birthday Gavin Welby!  
December 4.....Art Day/Paper Plate Santa  
(look for these to be displayed in our room)  
December 4.....Report cards issued  
(please sign and return no later than December 11)

