

Kindergarten News

Forest Hills Lutheran School

JANUARY 14, 2010

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **No School: Fri, 1/15 and Mon, 1/18**
- **Jan. 14th is the end of the 2nd quarter**
- **Scholastic Book Order due Friday, 1/22**

Winter



It has been another wonderful, yet busy week in kindergarten. I am hard at work on report cards. The children are making steady progress and it is exciting to see the many children that are starting to read!

Re-enrollment for next school year is quickly approaching. I am so thankful to have the opportunity to serve your family here at Forest Hills. I am glad you have chosen to be part of our school community. I pray that you continue to grow with us next year in first grade. Please know that I am available if you ever have any questions or concerns.

The Scholastic book order was sent home last Friday. I would encourage families to check your home library for short chapter books. We have a quiet time each day in which I read chapter books with the children. They love this time and look forward to it every day. Chapter books make great before bed reading! These books also provide the children with a chance to develop their listening comprehension.

I am working on a note about our remaining field trips for the school year. I am still waiting on one place to confirm our day and time. Once I have that



confirmation, I will send home this note letting you know the dates of all our fields trip for the rest of the year. That way, you can make your calendar and maybe request time off work to attend. In order to provide the children with wonderful experiences, I am in need of \$5 from each family to help offset some of the cost. I understand that times are hard and I hope that this

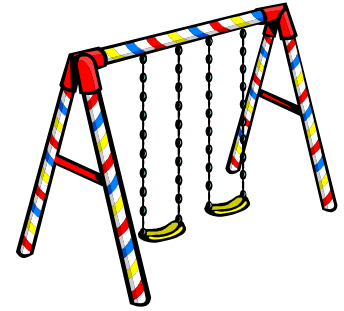
is not asking too much. Please bring the \$5 to me in class no later than January 29th. I hope this provides families with ample time; please see me with any questions or concerns.

Due to testing and one-on-one work with students this week, we haven't had the opportunity to share our stories from our Christmas break books. After looking through the books I have decided to include them in your child's portfolio, which I will keep until the end of the year. The work demonstrates tremendous growth and should be showcased with other writing samples to show that improvement. If you would like to have your child share this piece with you, I would encourage you to come by class at morning drop off or afternoon pick up to read this book with your child.

The children are loving our Daily 3 time of our literacy block. This week we had some extra time before one of our specials and I decided to give the children a chance to partner read. I was impressed with the thoughtfulness the

children were putting into this time and how much they enjoyed reading together. So, we have added a 4th component of the Daily 5 to our literacy block routine. We have started practicing read to someone. This provides the children with a chance to become a better reader by working with a peer. They are developing their fluency and accuracy through this time. The children are anxious to add the 5th component to our routine, which is listen to reading. Once I feel they are independent on our 4th component, we will try to add the 5th. The children are becoming such mature students and they have a passion and desire to read! It is so exciting!!!

Lastly, we have been talking in great lengths about playground behavior and how we treat one another at school. I had morning recess duty this week and I was delighted to see the students getting along and making good choices. We have been talking about calling names and teasing. We have read a couple of stories to help us understand how others



We are becoming safe, responsible, and respectful on the play!!

feel when someone says hurtful things. The staff is working diligently on playground rules to keep the children safe and happy. Recess is such an exciting time for the children and a much needed release of energy. I want them to be safe, responsible, and respectful on the playground, which is what our classroom conversations are working to create.

I pray everyone has a restful and relaxing long weekend. I will see everyone on Tuesday next week!

Blessings,
Mrs. Heldt

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” ~Jeremiah 29:11