

### *Special points of interest:*

- Jan. 8 Honor Roll Pep Rally (8:30)
- Jan. 15 School Holiday, Coke Co. Stock Show
- Jan. 27 100th Day of School
- Feb. 15 School Holiday



I hope you all enjoyed the snow. What a wonderful way to end 2020 and begin 2021!

Please send jackets to school each day. Our recess is at 11:30 a.m. Some days are a little chilly during this time.

Reminder:  
Please send a water bottle each day for your child to keep in their cubby.

**Happy New Year! Happy New Year! Happy New Year!**  
**I hope you and your family had a wonderful Christmas Holiday.**

With the new year in full swing, the kindergarten students and their teacher are ready to move forward into the year of 2021. WOW, 2021 sounds and looks strange. This is always an exciting time of year to be in a kindergarten classroom. From January to May, we will see a lot of students really begin to grow in their academics.

We will begin this year by continuing to stress the importance of early writing and reading. We will continue with our Math curriculum, that includes homework as the last page stapled to the day's class work. Just a reminder, you do not have to return the Math homework, just use this page to help you in discussing the math concepts covered in each lesson. All homework, including reading and sight words, should take no longer than 15 minutes a day. On the back of this note, you will find an updated sight word list. The new words are underlined. Please help your child work on these sight words 2-3 times a week. We will be doing many activities focusing on numbers 0-100. If we do not have any "unplanned" days off, Wednesday, January 27th will be the 100th day of school. We will celebrate this day with special activities. I will let you know more about this exciting day at a later time.

During the next two weeks, I will assess students for the Middle-of-the-Year (MOY) benchmarks in language and math skills. I will be using TX-KEA, the assessment program that is required by the state of Texas. This is the same program that I used for the Beginning-of-the Year Assessments, and will use again in May for the End-of-the Year Assessments. The language skills assessed are; Vocabulary, Letter Recognition (upper/lower case), Spelling, and Phonics.  
The math skills assessed are; Counting, Number Identification, Missing Number, and Simple addition and subtraction.

I will also be assessing your child on the following; sight words, and simple sentence reading, counting to 100 by ones and tens, counting backwards from 20, number ordering (0-20), recite: days of week and months of the year, shapes, colors, first and last name, birthdate, age, Pledges: Texas & USA, address, and left/right.

I will share these results with you after all assessments are complete.

Please remember that I will assign a Seesaw Activity each Monday. I will not assign a Seesaw activity, if Monday is a school holiday. Your child may use the web-based programs Lexia and IXL from home too.

This Friday, January 8 will be the Honor Roll Pep rally at 8:30. This pep rally will be in the middle gym. We will also enjoy another Longhorn Enrichment Day on Friday.