



Kindergarten Connection



Al Fatih Academy

Assalaamu Alaikum!

December/January 2011

We've had a wonderful time reading and retelling some of our favorite fairytales. Our favorite story was, of course *The Gingerbread Man*. I guess it's hard to resist a runaway cookie! And we are beginning to understand that if we are to become story tellers and writers we first have to understand what a story is; that it has characters, a setting and a beginning, middle and end. During the week before our break we will read the books *The Mitten* by Jan Brett and *The Red Mitten* by Tresselt and other snow/winter related books. **During this Unit we will:**

Language Arts:

- continue to work on recognizing the short vowel sounds with a focus on "O"
- continue to create lists of word families that contain the short vowel sounds.
- continue to write using beginning and ending sounds with some vowels
- continue to recognize some of the common blends and diagraphs (sh, th, ch etc.)
- continue to retell the events in a story, focusing on beginning, middle and end, and identify the characters and setting
- read various fiction /non-fiction books about winter/snow.
- write about winter and snow.
- read poems about snow and winter
- begin to recognize some of the common blends and diagraphs (sh, th, ch etc.)
- introduce the writing/publishing center.
- begin to write simple stories.

Reminders

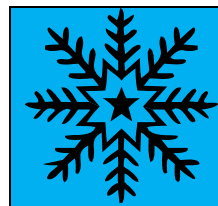
**Dec. 26- Jan. 2 -
Winter Break - School Closed**



Have a wonderful vacation!!

Handwriting:

- continue to practice: the pencil pick-ups, proper posture, and starting all letters at the top
- begin "corner capitals" V, W, X, Y, Z



Math/Science:

- continue to explore the value that each number holds.
- continue to recognize patterns in our environment.
- continue to explore number combinations (addition)
- explore the concept of symmetry
- explore and predict, through observation, how water, snow, and ice are related and how their properties change.
- understand that snowflakes are crystals or frozen droplets of water
- understand that no two snowflakes are the same

Islamic/ Social Studies/Peace:

- continue to stress the importance of giving and responding to salams
- start our day with recitation of Al-Fatiha /end our day with recitation of Al-Asr
- recognize that snowflakes and their unique design are one of Allah's wonders
- introduce the peace leaders theme: mercy

Whoever does not show mercy to our children and does not respect the rights of our elders, then he is not one of us.

Narrated by: Sunan Abu Dawud

Art:

- learn to fold , cut and make paper snowflakes.
- use chalk to make snow scenes.