

Dear Parents,

On Thursday, February 7th we will be celebrating our 100th Day of School as long as we don't have a snow day before that time. I'm sending home 2 Ziplock bags. I would like you to help your child count out 100 pieces of their favorite cereal and place it in one of the bags. This will be used for our 100th Day Breakfast. In the other bag have the children put in 100 identical items. (Example – 100 buttons, Legos, paper clips, M&M's, marshmallows etc...) They will bring this second bag back. If they bring something to eat, they may share it with their classmates. Please send these back by our 100th day of school. I have one more homework assignment for them to do. Each child brought home an autograph booklet. They are to try to get 100 autographs. Please send it back on our 100th day of school also. These items may be sent to school anytime.

Reading – This week we worked on our “P sound” by listening to two poems. Our first poem was called *Pease Porridge Hot*. The children had fun getting with a partner and doing a little clapping activity with this poem. The second poem was called *Chicken Soup*. This poem had several words that ended with the “P sound.” Their little story this week is called *Tap the Sap*. **Continue to have your child practice this story over the weekend and bring it back to read to me on Monday.** They are really getting to be good readers. Their new words for this story are: **me, tap, sap, top, Pam, pan, tin & at.**

Animated Literacy – This week they met their first long vowel character named Old Joe Crow. He is helping them with their “long o sound.” They learned that this sound can be made with “**o-e, oe, oa, ow, & ol.**” They learned how to draw a boat, coat, goat, toad, & road this week.

Math – We are continuing to work on addition. The children are really doing a great job with their addition.

Centers – This week we are studying Kansas since Kansas will be celebrating its 147th birthday on Tuesday. At Good Luck Bear center they made a Jayhawk using a paper plate. Then, at Bedtime Bear center, the children made a winter book about the different kinds of weather we have in winter. Next, at Birthday Bear center, they did a book called *Jayhawks, Jayhawks*. This book taught the children about the various Kansas symbols. After that, they moved on to Cheer Bear Center, where they again used paper plates to make the Kansas Sunflower and a Jayhawk puppet. Finally, at Tender Heart Bear center, the children made a sunflower book.

I'm sending home a fun calendar for the month of February. This calendar has different things to wear each day in February. The children always enjoy seeing what each other come up with for that day. I know there will be some days your child will not have something to go with that day. That will be fine! Also, they can always make something out of paper and pin it on their shirt.

Mrs. Hall