

Dear Parents,  
Here's our news for the week!

**Word Work:**

The new words for this week are: **play, do, go, where, with**. Please use the Word Wall menu to complete at least 3 activities this week.

**Math:**

We have started a new unit in math. Some of our class investigations are focusing on the strategies compensation and equivalence. Children may initially have a difficult time comprehending that  $5+3$  is equivalent to  $4+4$ . The big ideas here are compensation and equivalence- that if you lose one (from the five, for example) but gain it (onto the three), the total stays the same. These big ideas, once constructed, allow children to realize that a problem like  $6+8$  can be solved with a double,  $7+7$ .

You will be receiving your child's math assessment for our second unit of study. Please sign this and return it to your child's teacher the very next day. Thank you for your help with this.

**Save the Date:**

Our winter celebration will be held on Monday December 19th from 11:20-11:50 in your child's classroom. All parents are welcome to attend. We will be making a winter craft and reading a story. Please leave plenty of time to check into the office prior to coming to your child's classroom. Oh what fun the cold weather brings!

**Homework:** Starting on 12/19, we will be assigning Random Acts of Kindness homework during these last few days before winter break. More information will be coming home soon to explain this in detail.

Respectfully yours,

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