

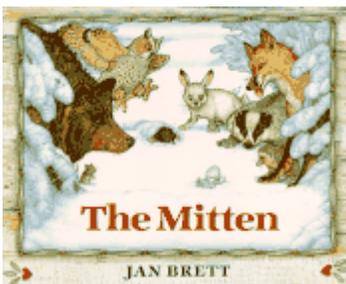
GRANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MRS. ABBOTT'S KINDERGARTEN

January 9, 2011

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a nice vacation. The children and I enjoyed our break but everyone was excited to see each other last week and get back to our kindergarten routines.

Last week we started a unit on winter. We learned about seasonal changes for people and animals in winter. This week our big book focus in shared reading will be on "The Mitten" and "The Snowy Day". The children will build words in snow men journals, write on snowflake paper, make snowy day kids, and create cotton ball and doily snowmen. I am just hoping these are the only snowmen that we see but my students have other thoughts.

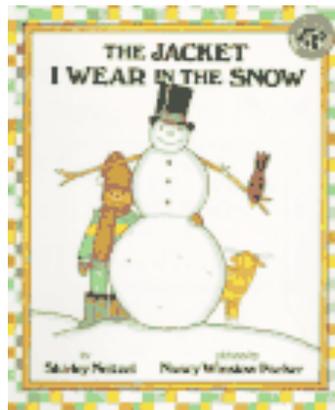


This is review week in language. We will review all letters and sight words covered thus far. In word building we will build words that end in -ot, -on, -op, -ad, -am, -an, -at, -id, -im, -in and -it.

Our letter and sound for next week is Rr. Activities will center around rainbows. We will make a rainbow on the ceiling! The sight word will be "to".



I am so proud and excited to see how the children have embraced the seven habits. We have covered the first three and the children have made classroom songs that we sing each morning. We also begin the day by talking about our goals and our plans to reach those goals. I truly can see the impact of this in the classroom. Ask your child to tell you about "Be Proactive - you're in charge;" "Begin with the End in Mind - have a plan;" and "Put First Things First - work first and then play."



We began work on last names after the first of the year. The children are asked to work on this every day at school now. They will become more independent with practice.

In math we are now learning numerals to 31. The children will also learn counting by 2's, 5's and 10's in the coming weeks. Our 100th day of school will be on February 2nd. I am asking each child to bring 100 things for counting. They should each also bring 100 pieces of food that can be combined into a classroom snack. Please count these out with your child at home. It will be a fun day of art, music, movement and literature all centered on the 100th day of school.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to help each child to be successful.

I ♥ Teaching

Rita Abbott