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## Parent Literacy News

### Introduction/purpose

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our first semester Parent Literacy News. The purpose of this newsletter is to give you a few tips and ideas that you can use at home to work with your child. These ideas can help with pre-reading, math, and other areas of learning. I hope you find it helpful. You can find other activities on our web site soon.

Enjoy your holiday with your family. Don't forget to read with your child everyday.

Education Team

### Read 2 Me

List of books that parents can read to their children:



Twas The Night Before Thanksgiving by Dav Pilkey



Celebrate with Blue!: A Book of Winter Holidays (Blue's Clues) by Sarah Albee and Victoria Miller



### Letter Recognition

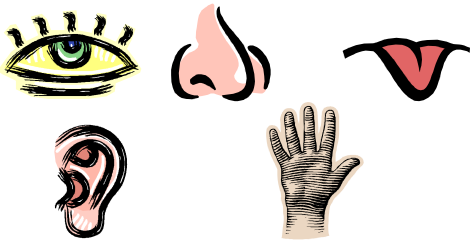
Words are everywhere. Point to the beginning letter and say the sound with your child. Then ask your child to tell you what the other letters are. If they can not tell you, then this time would a good one to practice letter recognition. Look for common things around the house to point out letters. Your child should be able to say his/her alphabet from A-Z and recognize at least those letters that are in his/her name. By the end of the school year, your child should be able to recognize more than 15 letters of the alphabet.

**Coming events:** January 3 Classes Resume  
January 9 Metcalfe Parent Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.  
FFSC/Rawlings Parent Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.  
January 12 Pupil Holiday/Teacher Workday  
January 15 MLK's Birthday - Holiday

## January Curriculum

### Theme: I Can Discover

**Purpose:** To use the five senses for exploration and experimentation.



### Reminders to Students

- Bring a change of clothes to leave at school
- Bring an umbrella/raincoat in case it rains



### Tips for Parents...

1. **Take a senses walk.** Use your five senses to learn more about the world. Hear, smell, touch, and see things all around you. Be safe on your walk.

2. **Cook with your child.** Why not cook up a batch of Rice Krispy treats. Explore the taste and texture with cooking. *Look at the Curriculum Highlights section above for learning connections.*

## Curriculum Highlights

Color: blue  
Shape: rectangle  
Number: 8  
Opposites: fast/slow  
Character Education: honesty  
Letters: Rr, Ii, Ss  
Five Senses  
Simple Experiments  
Community Worker: Reporter  
Health:

- Eating Breakfast
- Avoiding falls
- Food Safety
- Taking medicine appropriately

### POSITIONAL WORDS

front/back

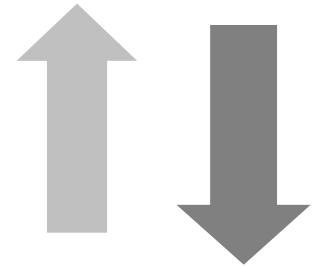
backward/forward

left/right

up/down

in front of/behind

above/below



### Go on a Blue Hunt...

Discover blue items in every part of your house. Name the item and its color. After 10 minutes, close your eyes and take turns remembering the items. How many can you remember?