

# Kindergarten Connection

## January 2017

Dear Families,

**Happy New Year! Welcome back to school.** We hope you have had a good holiday and enjoyed your family time. Our theme this month is **Celebrating Winter** - sports, clothing and snow.

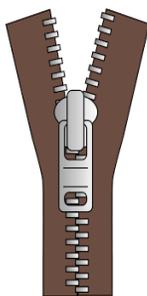
**We are looking forward to the 2017 year!!  
Mrs. Edworthy and Mrs. Egan**



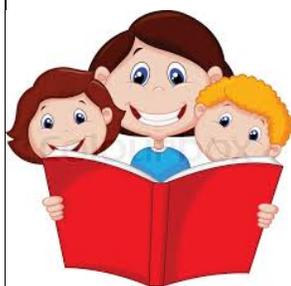
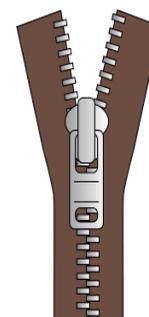
### Important Dates:

January 9 <sup>th</sup>	Happy New Year/ Welcome back to school!
January 17 <sup>th</sup>	Dentist Fieldtrip: Mrs. Egan's AM Class/Mrs. Edworthy's PM Class
January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Dentist Fieldtrip: Mrs. Egan's PM Class/Mrs. Edworthy's AM Class

### ZIPPER CLUB:



We are encouraging the kindergarten children to get dressed for winter independently. This includes doing up their zippers on their own! Once the students are able to do up their own zipper they get to join the **Zipper Club**! This means that a mitten person wearing a zipper and their name will be posted on the **Zipper Club** bulletin board. Please practice doing up zippers at home and encourage your child to get fully dressed down to boots and mitts all by themselves!



**HOME READING:** This month we will be starting our Home Reading Program. I will be sending home a letter in your child's mail folder tomorrow explaining what our Home Reading Program will look like.

We are beginning a more formal printing program this month using capital and small letters. Working on letter and sound recognition is an area you can continue to work on at home. The faster the better!!

### OURDOOR PURSUITS:

On some winter days, the kindergarten children may go outside to play. Please send your child to school with all the necessary outdoor winter clothing: snow pants, a hat, mittens, scarf and boots each day. This will allow all the students to play outside in a warm and safe manner. These outdoor pursuit days will be random and based on the weather.



### PARENT VOLUNTEERS:

Thank you so much for those who have volunteered thus far this year. We really do need your volunteer help to make the classroom run smoothly. Just one extra pair of adult hands truly impacts what we are able to accomplish throughout the day. The students are very excited and proud to have a parent or family member in the classroom. Even if you are only able to come in for an hour, anytime is appreciated.

### DENTIST FIELDTRIP:

Part of the Social Studies curriculum is making connections with the local community and so that is why we are visiting Dr. Kerr at Sunset Ridge Dental. We are walking to the dentist so please make sure your child is wearing proper footwear and outerwear. Thank you !

#### Mrs. Egan's Classes:

AM Class: Tuesday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers please be in the classroom at 8:15am.  
PM Class: Wednesday, Jan 18<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers please be in the classroom at 12:00pm.

#### Mrs. Edworthy's Classes:

AM Class: Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers please be in the classroom at 8:15am.  
PM Class: Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers please be in the classroom at 12:00pm.

### THE LEARNING COMMONS

We are happy to announce that our Learning Commons is now ready for students to take out books! We will have a designated day, once a week, where we will go and pick out a book. Book returns will be the DAY BEFORE to ensure that your child can choose a new book.

**Mrs. Edworthy's Class:** Tuesdays (Book return is on Mondays)

### SOCIAL STUDIES:

We are continuing this year's Social Studies focus of *I Am Unique*. I am looking forward to your child's Family Traditions presentation. The assignment was sent out in December.