

Bonjour,

This month in Kindergarten we will sing and dance to a French song and count to ten in French. We will also learn some simple French phrases and a French poem. We will even indulge in a French snack I will provide of hot chocolate, bread and cheese (yum) for our Winter Party on the last day of class on December 16. A reminder, Winter Break for K. begins Monday, December 19 and we resume class on Tuesday, January 3. We will explore some of the holidays that occur during the month of December. We will look at the basic traditions and notice that all three utilize candles in their celebrations. In science we will extend this learning experience by examining what makes a candle burn and candle safety. During December we will also listen to my favorite holiday classic "The Nutcracker" and extend that music, book and ballet at learning centers.

In reading this month we will read about bears, reindeers and trees. We will continue with our writing and comprehension skills by making a "Bear Fact Book" and illustrate a book to learn more about real reindeer. This month we will add star words (bear, will, we, like, for) along with reviewing letters U, G, B and R. We will extend the phonogram ug, ub and ell to create new words to read and write. Your children will also be reading and writing sentences including making books about bears, evergreen trees and reindeer. This not only helps the children build their reading skills but also helps increase comprehension.

In math we will write our numbers to 20 as well as continue to read graphs, refining our skills in addition and subtraction. Please look through their homework and daily work to review any of the new skills we are learning. It is part of the learning process to review with your child the work that has taken place during the day.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Friday, December 2 in the office area conference room in our building. This is where you will receive your child's first report card. Ms. Annette will teach the children that day. I look forward to meeting with each child's parent because the children in Kindergarten have matured in so many different areas these past few months. There has been progress not only in the academic areas but also in social and emotional areas. They are truly elementary students now! Remember December can be a very busy month for some families and often very tiring for children. Try to keep their schedule as normal as possible. I wish each family a very happy and safe holiday season. See you next year!

Au revoir, Madame Carter