

St. Mary School  
Kindergarten Weekly Newsletter  
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Dear Parents,

In Language Arts, we continue to discuss different types of weather and the four seasons. We have been working on several activities and listening to several stories relating to winter. We have also been doing some writing with the words where, do and I.

In Math, we are talking about addition story problems. Please feel free to encourage your son or daughter to illustrate some addition story problems at home. A visual picture is just one more strategy to help your child with addition. We have also been practicing the counting on strategy to solve addition problems, and counting by 5's.

**Star of the Week:**

Kate was our "Star of the Week". She brought in an elephant stuffed animal, a trophy, a Lil Miss Chatterbox doll, a musical doll and her family. Kate's favorite thing about being "Star of the Week" was bringing in her family.

**Learning Center Highlights by Theme**

**Bear Snores On**

- Listen to Bear Snores On
- Illustrate something that they like to do on a cold winter's day
- Listen to One Snowy Night and Snowballs
- Create a snowman mobile
- Illustrate something that they like to do and write the sentence to coincide with the picture
- Practice addition
- Draw conclusions about what might be happening in the seasonal scenes

**Hello Sun**

- Listen to the story Hello Sun
- Make comparisons between Bear Snores On and Hello Sun
- Read the book Look at Me and practice the high frequency word "look"
- Listen to Fun Dog, Sun Dog
- Measure the rays of the sun using cubes
- Reinforce facts about the sun by making *The Big Yellow Sun*

**Mittens**

- Enjoy the story The Mitten
- Identify the characters from the story
- Listen to The Hat (also by Jan Brett) and All You Need for a Snowman
- Determine objects using the sense of touch
- Graph the mittens on the Mitten Math paper
- Create mitten patterns
- Decorate a mitten
- Write the alphabet in sequence on mittens

**Something special happened this week:**

This week we had Mrs. Doyle, Sarah's mom, as our Mystery Reader. She read Brave Irene and Frederick. The children loved listening to both stories about the four seasons.