

# RED GROUP NEWS

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## LANGUAGE ARTS

We have learned the tongue coolers, /th/ as in "think" and /th/ as in "that". And the short vowel sound /e/, as in elephant.

Roll and build words with short /e/ sound.

Handwriting: Exercises to strengthen fine motor movements.

Sight word: "you"

Writer's Workshop 6+1 Traits:

Word Choice: We read Fancy Nancy and used fancy words to "dress up" our writing. We also read The Night I Followed the Dog and used artistic words to describe a drive to school.

## MATH

### Patterns

Distinguishing between patterns and non-patterns

Describing repeating patterns

Constructing, recording and extending repeating patterns

Identifying and counting the unit(s) of a repeating pattern

### Counting

Counting, creating, and representing quantities

### Calendar

Weekend vs. weekdays

## SOCIAL

### Class Meeting Topics:

\* Showing interest in others' interests. \*

Responding and relating when an adult asks how they are doing. Sharing: The girls are bringing in sharings of objects that have patterns in them. We have seen necklaces, plates, fabric, and flags.

Multicultural Studies: The girls are learning about some of the winter holidays including St. Nicholas, Christmas, Kwanzaa and Hanukkah.

Common threads throughout each holiday is that of light and candles.

4th grade Play - The girls watched their big sisters perform six acts about Peter Pan, Golden Goose, Alice and Wonderland, The Fisherman and His Wife, and the Bremen Town Musicians

### THEMATIC STUDIES:

We read the true story And Tango Makes Three about two male penguins from the Bronx Zoo that raise a baby together. The girls are illustrating scenes and sequencing it into a movie in technology. We'll share the masterpiece with you when it's complete!

CONFERENCES: It was great to meet with each of you for conferences. We find the information that is shared to be so valuable in getting to know your daughters as learners and individuals.

SAVE THE DATE: We hope you'll join us on December 17 at 9:00 for a morning meeting and a sharing of the girls' favorite educational games.

HOLIDAY SING: The Sing will follow this sharing directly. Please remember the girls should be in dress uniform. We have early dismissal after the Sing at 11:30.

UPCOMING DATES: We hope you have wonderful winter break. We will see you back at Burke's on January 4.



What a fun mystery reader, Ms. Nieto was! See the blog for her clues.



The girls have a lot to comment on with Laili's pattern sharing.



The Counting Jar during Math Workshop.