



Kindergarten Family Newsletter

Mission: Elk Meadows Falcons are growing to be resilient, lifelong learners.

Social Skill: Managing feelings of disappointment

Date: December 4, 2023

Grade-Level Events

- December 15: Last day to donate new hats and gloves for Columbia Elementary
- December 15: Last day to donate unopened cereal boxes for the Utah Food Bank
- December 19: Holiday Singing for Families 9:15 am (Kindergarten is 1st)
- December 20: Holiday Parties
- December 21: Pajama Day & Early out day
- December 22-January 2: Winter Break - No School
- January 3: Welcome back to school!

Math

Focus: I can count to 50.

Example: We would like all students to be able to orally count to at least 50 by Winter Break. Here are some ideas to keep practicing engaging:

- Use different voices (i.e. monster, Santa, whisper, etc.)
- Start at different numbers
- Do a physical motion while counting (i.e. clap, jump, roll, stir hot chocolate, etc.)

If your child can already count to 50, work on counting to 100!

Language Arts

Focus: Blending sounds to read words

Example: Before reading a word we have learned to “rehearse” by using our finger in a scooping motion while saying each sound. Then we “perform” by reading the whole word quickly. We are blending real words and nonsense words. Attached you will find a list of nonsense words your child can use to practice blending. Learning to blend nonsense words will help your student decode more complex words later on.

Remember to read daily with your child

Science

Focus: We are focusing on how trees change through the year or seasons.

Example: Talk about how the trees have changed since summer and fall. Point out how they have no leaves and small buds are on the trees.

Social Skills

Focus: Managing feelings of disappointment

Example: Our social skill this month is learning to manage feelings of disappointment. This is an important skill for children to learn. You can help your child at home by talking to them about their feelings when something doesn't happen the way they want it to.

Family Connection/Additional Information

Please make sure all **coats, hats, and gloves are labeled with your child's name. We also ask that you help your child practice putting on and taking off their winter gear independently. As a reminder we will be outside unless the temperature is below 21 degrees or it is heavily precipitating.