



# Kindergarten Family Newsletter

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

**Golden Gate:** I will treat others and myself with kindness and respect.

**Date:** December 5, 2022

## Grade-Level Events

- December 16: Last day to donate new hats and gloves for Columbia Elementary
- December 16: Last day to donate unopened cereal boxes for the Utah Food Bank
- December 20: Christmas Sing-a-Long and class parties **(All Kindergarteners will come in the morning from 8:55 am - 11:40 am. There will be no afternoon session this day.)**
- December 22-31: 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. On the back 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 Studies

Focus: I will treat others and myself with respect.

Example: Talk about what respect means and how we behave if we are showing respect in different places. How do you show respect in the store, at grandma’s, etc?

## 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.