



# HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

News and Notes from Miss Barber's Classroom  
For December

## Here's what we've been working on!

**Reading:** Our focus has been on 'Safety'. We have been discussing what it means to be safe and actions that are safe/unsafe at school, at home, or outside. We learned that signs are important and discussed the meaning behind popular ones seen on the road. Challenge your child by pointing them out while you are driving or walking! We retold main events and discussed lessons/morals during stories. We continued to work on characters, themes, and finding known letters and sounds. Please encourage your child to point to each word as you read stories to him/her.

**ELA:** Our class has focused a lot on identifying uppercase and lowercase letters along with their beginning sounds, syllables, and rhyming. They are really starting to pick up on listening for ending "chunks" to determine rhymes.

**Math:** We have been working on counting up to 7 and back down to 0. We have continued to use the phrase 'one more'. We have been working on using tally marks to help us keep track of objects. We have learned how to draw them and soon the fifth tally mark diagonally, lying across the others. We will examine numbers inside of 6 (1/5, 2/4, 3/3) and 7 (1/6, 2/5, 3/4). We are also focusing on arrays that have 3 objects on the top row and 3 on the bottom row. Encourage lining up objects to count!



## Dates to Remember

January 2<sup>nd</sup>: Back to School  
January 7<sup>th</sup>: Nature in Class

January 24<sup>th</sup>: No School  
January 29<sup>th</sup>: No 4K!

February 3<sup>rd</sup>: Groundhog Day

## THINGS TO WORK ON AT HOME

- **Name writing:** Only use an uppercase letter at the beginning! Challenge: Last initial/name
- **Counting:** 1-7 (On fingers-The Math Way, in a circle, in a line, and pulling objects aside)
- **Positional Words:** Under, behind, next to, in front of, above, etc.
- **Letter sounds:** Q says /kwa/
- **Beginning sounds:** What sound is heard at the beginning of quilt?



## Other Reminders

Our classroom's Scholastic code is: QDZXR

Our website is: <https://owleyesonus.weebly.com/>

Our Amazon list is: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3M7PRCTXDD9E7?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3M7PRCTXDD9E7?ref_=wl_share)

## Peacemakers

Dolphin of Peace: I calm my body by breathing.  
Lion of Balance: I am healthy and bright.  
Owl of Intuition: I trust myself.



## Star of the Week

January 20<sup>th</sup>– 24<sup>th</sup>  
Eddie (combine)

## December Perfect Attendance

Alexa	Izzy	Mia
Beau	Lane	Savannah
Collin	Lincoln	Sophie
Eddie	Louie	
Hannah	Mackenzi	



## Focus Letters and Themes of the Week

January 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>: Winter/Snow  
January 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>: O Arctic  
January 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>: Q Senses  
January 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>: G Dinosaurs  
January 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>: Sh, Th, Ch  
Groundhogs

