

Friday, December 14, 2007

Dear Parent,

We have finished our three-week thematic unit about dinosaurs. You might enjoy having them "read" from their Dinosaur writing journal that came home. Our Read Aloud book was Giant Dinosaurs and our theme link book was Danny And The Dinosaur. The Big and Little book was Dinosaur Riddles. The Kinder Friends book was Dinosaur Bones. On the school web page, there is a link page full of Internet resources about dinosaurs so that you and your child can continue to explore the world of dinosaurs together.

Callie Cat was our new Alpha Friend this week. Our letter of the week was "Cc" making the hard /k/ sound. I sent home a duplicate of the folded-page booklet that has Callie Cat on the front and back and a picture that has many thing that start with the letter c. It also goes along with the song we have learned. The lyrics of the song are on the back page. Your child should be able to read and spell three vowel-consonant-vowel words with short a as the vowel in the middle such as man, cat, hat, ran, etc. Our phonics library book was Cat Sat. Your child should be able to sound out and read the words in this book. This week was the last of the word and picture books. Today I sent home the last book, I Like To (Read).

While I am on the subject of books, I would like to encourage you to make time to read to and with your child during the two weeks of Winter Break. This will help to maintain the skills that they have been developing. I have sent home three (3) Reading Logs. Please take the time to have your child fill them out as you read together and return two (2) of them when you return in January. Reading together is one of the best gifts you can give your child. This might be a wonderful time to visit the Humboldt County Library together to select some books to read together.

There will be a holiday assembly Friday morning, December 21 in our multi-purpose room. We will be performing. If you plan to attend, be aware that there will be a special seating section in the rear of the room for visitors. The chairs in front are for the sixth grade students, teachers and staff.

Monday, January 7 – Return to school from Winter Break. Turn in first 2 reading logs.

Remember, starting on Monday, January 7, kindergarten classes will be dismissed at 2:20, the same time as grades 1–3. Also, every Wednesday will be a minimum day. Students will be dismissed at 1:30 at the same time as all other students