This week we learned the letters V,v and Z,z. Our high-frequency words were **are** and **now**. We practiced reading this week’s high-frequency words in the book How Many Ducks?

Next week we will finish learning about all the Alphafriends. A nice website to visit if your child wants to sing along with the Alphafriends is <https://teacher.ocps.net/janet.cahill/page7.html>

During second quarter we are learning how to write an opinion. In our journals we will write what our favorite season is and why. We are also learning when to use a question mark.

We continue to work on rhyming words. Both being able to hear if two words rhyme and being able to give two words that rhyme. We learned that if you know how to spell **cat**, you can spell **bat, fat, hat, mat, pat, rat, sat, vat, that**, etc.

We also looked for smaller words inside bigger words like **bat** in **batter** and **sat** in **Saturday**.

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In math we are using a five frame and/or ten frame to solve basic addition and subtraction number stories. Later in the year we will write the math fact to go with it.

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**3 + ? = 10**

We talked about birth order and made a graph showing this.

In both math and science we talked about **balance**. We used a pan balance to compare the **weight** of objects. We used the terms **‘heavier than’** and ‘**lighter than’**. Then we counted how many cubes it took to **balance/is the same as** an object.

We did an experiment to see if we could balance a cardboard ‘crayfish’ on one finger. We tried many ways to get the crayfish to balance. Then we used clothespins as counterweights and discussed where the clothespins were in relation to our finger when the crayfish balanced. We discovered there was more than one way to do this.

In a book we looked at pictures of things that were balanced. We even tried balancing on one foot with our eyes open and then closed. We discovered it is harder to balance with your eyes closed!

**Reminders:**

Please help your child dress for the cold weather. Students go outside for recess every day unless it is raining or the temperature drops below 10 degrees.

**Raffle tickets for the 5th grade fundraiser are still being sold. You can print more from the Jeffery webpage, as well. The raffle drawings will take place on Monday, December 19th.**



**The Kindergarten music program is Tuesday, December 20th, at 6:00 p.m.**

Have a wonderful weekend!

*\*\*See other side for Calendar of Events\*\**

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| **Sunday** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
| **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** | **9** | **10** |
|  |  |  |  |  | **Scholastic**  **Book order**  **due**  **11:15 Dismissal** |  |
| **11** | **12** | **13** | **14** | **15** | **16** | **17** |
|  |  |  |  |  | **Popcorn &**  **Spirit Day**  (Popcorn 50¢/bag)  **11:15 Dismissal** |  |
| **18** | **19** | **20** | **21** | **22** | **23** | **24** |
|  | **Raffle**  **Fundraiser**  **Assembly** | **Kindergarten**  **Music**  **Program**  **6:00 pm** | **Classroom Winter**  **Activities** |  |  |  |
| **25** | **26** | **27** | **28** | **29** | **30** | **31** |
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| **Jan 1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** |
| **New Year’s**  **Day** |  | **School**  **Resumes** |  |  |  |  |

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