

# **Kindergarten News**

## **December 1, 2016**

### **Holiday Shop is Coming**

On December 14-16 Springbrook's Holiday Shop will be set up. Our class will have opportunity to do some gift shopping. If you would like your child to participate, please send in their money in an envelope or baggie marked with the amount to spend, your child's name and the names of those who your child will be purchasing gifts for. Please note, there is a four person limit.

### **Gingerbread Field Trip**

On Tuesday, December 20th the kindergartners will be taking a field trip to the Westerly High School to make gingerbread men with Chef Finkelstein and the culinary art students. In conjunction with the gingerbread theme the children will hear a number stories centered on gingerbread. They will also be doing gingerbread math.

### **Kindergarten Take-Home Books**

Please have your child read two or three white take-home books nightly. As the year progresses your child will accumulate a large selection of books. Your child may want to read the same books over and over again. This is a great way to build confidence and fluency. While reading together encourage your child to look for kindergarten words. Remind your child to keep his or her books in their kindergarten book box for easy access and storage.

### **Literacy**

Please find attached your child's Raz-Kids user name and password. With it you can access a large selection of on-line books at your child's reading level. Your child can listen to books and follow along as they are read aloud. They can also try to read the stories without the audio. In addition, your child can read and record their reading and play it back to listen to themselves. Each book has an optional comprehension quiz that your child can take.

Raz-Kids is also used in class.

**Donations**

We often use Clorox or Lysol wipes to sanitize surfaces in the classroom.

Oftentimes children forget their snack. We like to have extra healthy snacks on hand, such as goldfish crackers, pretzels, raisins etc.

If you would like to make a donation of any of these items it would be greatly appreciated.

\*\*Please note, Westerly Public Schools supplies all of the basic instructional materials for our students. If you would like to provide these additional materials you are certainly welcome to do so but this is not a requirement.

**Attendance**

Good attendance in elementary school is extremely important to your child's success. Absences, late arrivals and early dismissals result in a loss of instruction and over time have the potential to result in learning gaps. Please make every effort to make appointments outside of the school day and schedule vacations during school breaks.