

KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026

What's Happening:

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break. We will continue to build upon skills learned in the 1st & 2nd quarter. We are busy identifying numbers greater than 20 and blending sounds together to read and spell words. Our Superkid is Sal.

Students have been writing and recognizing all the upper and lower case letters of the alphabet. We will be working more on rhyming. We will be taking away an onset and adding a new onset to make a list of three or more words that rhyme.

We have started writing a sentence in a daily journal that incorporates our sight word of the day.

ABC Letter Sounds & Names:

Keep practicing saying their letter names and sounds at home nightly.

Heart Words:

Quarter 3 sight word cards are attached to this newsletter. Go through these cards multiple times a week.

Monthly Reading Challenge:

Complete as many of the challenges as you can before Friday, January 30, 2026. Those students who have submitted December's Reading Challenges your Pizza Hut certificate will be stapled to your newsletter.

Emergency Closure Procedures

If a closure occurs during school hours, we will follow the instructions provided on your child's emergency card. Please take a moment to verify that your contact information is up to date in your PowerSchool account to ensure we can reach you promptly.

For weather related closures, we will activate our automated alert system using your primary phone number and email address. We also encourage parents to monitor local radio and TV stations for additional information regarding school closures or delays.

Upcoming Events

- **January 29:** Late Start
 - School starts at 10:15am
- **January 19:** NO SCHOOL
 - Civil Rights Day

Winter Gear

With the weather changing, please make sure your child comes to school with appropriate, labeled clothing, such as hat, gloves, coat, boots, and snow pants. It is also a great idea to have a change of clothes in your child's backpack, just in case their clothes get wet during the day.

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Academic Standards

Math:

1. Count to 100 by 1's, 2's, 5's, and 10's.
2. Student can independently create more complex shapes using several simple shapes and name all shapes.
2. Can count forward beyond 50.
3. Can count backwards from 30 consecutively.
4. Can write & identify numbers 0-50 and match number to the correct amount of objects.

Reading:

1. Know letter names & sounds.
2. Fluently read all Quarter 1, 2, and 3 sight words.
3. Students can identify author and illustrator in a text or in telling a story.
4. Students can change or remove a phoneme to create a new word, when given a word.
5. Students can create a list of words that rhyme, including words with consonant blends.

Writing:

1. Students can create an informative text using words and meaningful illustrations.
2. Write all letters of the alphabet.
3. Students can list and verbs and adjectives and say the opposite.
4. Students will consistently capitalize the beginning of all sentences.

Science:

1. Dealing with Weather
 - *Weather patterns, weather hazards, and energy from the sun.

Social Studies:

1. Geography
 - *Identify the United States of America and Idaho on a map.
 - *Identify the north and south poles on a map or globe.

Exciting Lunch Updates

We wanted to let you know that we'll be updating our school lunch program this week. Our goal is to offer fresher options, more variety, and an even better lunchtime experience for all students.

As part of these changes, our salad bar and cold cut sandwiches will now be served through the main lunch line.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Rebecca Manzer, Kitchen Supervisor, at trojancafe@troysd287.org.

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