

December 5, 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Hurrah for Room 29. The children have earned 30 sticks and have chosen to have a pajama day and to bring in a stuffed animal. Our special day will be this Friday, December 9. The stuffed animal needs to fit in your child's book bag so there won't be a problem transporting it to school. We will have our regular day with library, music, and gym. Last year I noticed a problem with a child who wore "feety" pajamas. The child was not able to get gym shoes on and complained that his feet were too warm. If your child would like to wear slippers, please make sure that he/she has socks to wear when we go to gym and shoes to wear outside for recess.

I hope your child shared with you the fun time we had at the play SkippyJonJones today. It was a very cute production and we had read several of the stories ahead of time so the children knew what to expect. In case you weren't aware, SkippyJonJones is a Siamese kitten who thinks he is a Chihuahua. These are great stories to look for at the public library.

This week we are working on the short vowel "e". This will complete our study and review of the short vowels. Next week we will work on blends at the beginning of words, ie slim, and double consonants, ie smll. We have been working on nouns and the children know that a noun is a person, place, or thing. We also have talked about common nouns like school and proper nouns like Willow School. When you have a chance, you can ask your child to tell you the name of a common or proper noun. We are starting to work on plural nouns where you add "s" or "es" to a word.

In math, we are starting a unit which has the children learning how to measure. So far we have used our fingers, feet, arms, and hands to measure a variety of objects. We will move to rulers soon. The one thing you can help your child with at home, if he/she uses a ruler, is to make sure that he/she aligns the end of the ruler to the edge of the line or object he/she is measuring. Although we do not have a big emphasis on counting money in Unit 4, please continue to practice counting coins at home.

Here are some important dates to remember. Book orders are due on Wednesday, December 7. Our classroom holiday party is on December 20 from 9:30 to 10:30. The 20th is also an early release day. The children will have lunch at school and will be dismissed on 1:35.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by email, phone, or note.

Mrs. Sandala