

Kristin's Class Newsletter

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Dear Families,

What a beautiful weekend! I love the snappy, cold weather, especially when it comes with fresh snow. Brr!

Last Week

Who will help us bake the bread? "We will!" said the class! We did bake bread and it was delicious! We also learned about how yeast works to make bread rise. What a dramatic process! The yeast ate the sugar and burped again and again. I wish you would have heard the delighted gasps of surprise!

This Week

We are still thinking about food and where it comes from. We'll read *Strega Nona* by Tomie de Paula, one of my favorite stories. In math, we'll continue with geometry and do some work with doubling as well. Kindergarten students are working on a pattern book.

Book Clubs

This week we'll have our first book club lunch. Frindle

kids will go to Rebekah's room, Charlotte's Web to Dawn's and Henry Huggins will stay with me. We'll eat our lunches, chat about the chapters and start a project that helps us think about special words in the stories.

This is our third year with book clubs! We know that during the first round, people have a hard time reading the book according to the schedule. Kids worry that they won't remember the story. Hang in there! Soon the routine will get easier. In the meantime, enjoy the books!

We Need:

- *AA Batteries for Listening centers.
- *three more "walkman" style cassette tape players.
- *extra hats and mittens for classmates who forget.

Eid is Today!

We're thinking of our classmates who are celebrating with their families today. Enjoy!

Thanks! Kristin