

Kindergarten Parents,

As we finish out January, we have started a science unit on the arctic. We are studying about many arctic animals and Eskimo people. The students are compiling a book about the animals that they will share with you at conferences.

In math, we continue to work on number partners for numbers to 10. The strategy for adding bigger numbers is called "counting on."

In writing, we continue to read and write more words using our knowledge of word families and sight words. We are writing sentences, then editing them and making the corrections.

After visiting with the children concerning Rebekah, they immediately wanted to do something for her to show Rebekah how much they all cared and were thinking of her. Their idea was to collect money and go on a field trip to Toys R Us and buy Rebekah things she could do in the hospital. After giving that some thought, I love the idea, but have decided to "modify" it some. Instead, we will collect items this week to be placed in a [gift basket](#). If you prefer to donate money, I will combine the money and buy other items with it. I asked Stephanie for some suggestions of things Rebekah might like and she responded with "anything Diego, dogs, dinosaur train, and Leapster cartridges." Stephanie asked that there not be any stuffed animals as they do not allow them in hospitals because they harbor germs. Other suggestions I have are story books, card games, simple board games, sticker books, marker/coloring & activity books, puzzles, movies, Littlest Pet Shop set, paper dolls, or magna-doodle.

If you would like to contribute to this gift basket, please send the money or items by [Friday, January 27th](#) and I will get it to the family. Stephanie said they would be meeting with doctors in Minneapolis next week, and expects the bone marrow transplant to occur within a few weeks. Meanwhile, we continue to hold Rebekah in our thoughts and prayers regarding a perfect match for her and total success with the procedure.