

January 10th, 2017

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a restful winter break. This is another short week of school. We are continuing to get back into our school routines as we start up the new year. In addition, we are finishing up the last few graphemes. As we get back into our routines we would like to remind all parents that full formal uniforms are required on the first school day of the week, as well as for assemblies and other formal student gatherings. Our IXL trial will be coming to an end on January 31. We have seen some amazing results from the students. We welcome your feedback on the program and how you find it compared to the previous Mathletics trial. Finally, Winter Sports Day will be at the end of the month. As more details arrive we will pass them along. We will be needing parent volunteers to help out in both morning and afternoon classes so please let your child's teacher know if you are available to help out.

For homework this week, the students will practice the graphemes 'r', 't' and 'u'. The graphemes 'r' and 't' only make one sound. For the grapheme 'r', the sound is the first sound in the word run. For the grapheme 't', the sound is the first sound in the word ten. Finally, the grapheme 'u' makes 4 sounds and as such is one of the trickiest graphemes for Kindergarten students. The sounds are the first sound in the word up, and the middle sounds in the words music, truly and push. The graphemes for review this week are: r, t, u, a and s.

A note from Mr. Rip:

I would like to thank all of the parents and students in my classes for their patience and support during this difficult time in my life. Unfortunately, my mother passed away just before Christmas. I wish I could have been a part of the last few weeks of school and the holiday concert. As always, if you or your children have questions you are welcome to talk to me. I greatly appreciate all of your condolences and well wishes.

- Jason Rip

Reminders:

- January 20 – School assembly 2:15 pm
- January 27 – Winter Sports Day
- January 31 – Report Cards go home
- February 3 – PD day, no school
- February 16 & 17 – Teacher's Convention, no school
- February 20 – Family Day, no school

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
- <u>No school</u>	- In the blue notebook complete <u>half</u> a page, printing the grapheme 'r'.	- In the blue notebook complete <u>half</u> a page, printing the grapheme 't'.	- In the blue notebook complete <u>half</u> a page, printing the grapheme 'u'.	<u>Grapheme Review</u> - Return homework in homework folder.

Have a chilly week of school,

Mr. Rip and Ms. Enerson