

Panda Class Newsletter



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**Week 19: 12/12/16-12/16/16**



**Weekly News…**

It’s our fourth week of Unit 3 Cultural Expressions. We introduced “Hanukkah” (光明节) and Christmas (圣诞节). We talked about how people celebrate their holidays and made the popsicle sticks “Star of David” and paper plate Menorah. In centers, we kept doing guided reading group (读书组) and computer math practice group (电脑组). We practiced vocabularies on Quizlet. For math Kindergarten we learned about weight (轻/重/一样重). For math 1st grade we kept practicing making 10 and single digit two step addition. We also reinforced classroom routines and school wide expectations. If you have any questions, please contact us [yuting@gala-prek8.org](mailto:yuting@gala-prek8.org), [wendy@gala-prek8.org](mailto:wendy@gala-prek8.org) or [lauren@gala-prek8.org](mailto:lauren@gala-prek8.org). Thank you so much and have a good weekend!

**Chinese Words Learning**

**光明节(Hanukkah) 蜡烛(candle)**

**蜡烛台(menorah) 六芒星(Star of David)**

**巧克力金币(gelt) 陀螺(dreidel)**

**Anouncements**

* Winter Break starts 12/22 (next Thursday) till 1/3 (Tuesday). They come back to school on 1/4 (Wednesday).
* Panda class weebly site UPDATED!!!!! <http://galapanda.weebly.com/>
* Flashcards for Hanukkah vocabulary: <https://quizlet.com/_2wwxgi>

**English**

We continue to work hard in English Language Art and I cannot believe it is almost Winter Break.  The students have been working so hard since August and they are showing tremendous growth!

We continue to work hard on what good readers and writers do.  Please make sure that you continue to read at home and ask them questions about what they are reading.  We have spent a lot of time discussing being able to retell a story and being able to identify where the story takes place, the characters and the main idea.

As writers, we continue to focus on using our letter sounds to help us spell words.  Next time your child asks you to spell a word, encourage them to try it themselves first.  Correct spelling is not as important as phonemic awareness at this point.

Finally, keep working on those sight words!  When your child has mastered a list, have them bring it to me and I will give them the next list.  Proficiency with sight words is an important component of reading.

**PYP contents**

* **Cultural Expression: Hanukkah**

**- Menorah**

**- Star of David**

* **Songs for International Holiday Festival**

**-祝 你 圣 诞 快 乐**

**-新 年 好**

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