

Panda Class Newsletter



**With Huang Laoshi,**

**Ms. Wendy, and Ms. Lauren**

**Week 20: 12/19/16-12/21/16**



**Weekly News…**

It’s our last week before the Winter break! We learned about Christmas (圣诞节). We watched the story of Christmas, made Christmas ornaments and paper plate wreath. We also decorated our own Christmas cookies! We learned a new song 铃儿响叮当(Jingle Bell). We practiced vocabularies on Quizlet. For math Kindergarten we learned about capacity and equal set. 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 for your support this semester! Stay warm and have a wonderful winter break!

**Art**

In art this week the students continued to work on their paper mâché celebration masks. The keys to our process are making sure that the paper is fully saturated with the binding agent prior to applying it to the form, making sure that all of the pieces overlap other pieces of paper when applied to the form and making sure that many layers are built up on top of each other to create strength. We are using balloons as a basic form. If you want to create a paper mâché project at home you can use recyclable materials, sticks, string and newspapers shaped with masking tape as a form. To make the binding agent you just need to boil 1 part water to 1 part flour for 3 minutes while mixing. I find that it's best to put this in the blender after it cools to create a smooth consistency. I picked up a blender from a thrift store for $5 for this project. We are using torn newspaper for the paper of this project. If you do work on a paper mâché project over break please email or text [(440-785-2890](tel:(440)%20785-2890)) photos to me so I can share it with the classes when we get back from break!

**Anouncements**

* Winter Break 2016/12/-2017/1/3. They should come back to school on 1/4 (Wednesday).
* Please return Winter Break Homework Packet on 1/4 (Wednesday).
* Panda class weebly site UPDATED with songs!!!! <http://galapanda.weebly.com/>
* Flashcards for Christmas vocabulary: <https://quizlet.com/_2www19>

**Chinese Words Learning**

**圣诞节(Christmas) 圣诞树(Christmas Tree)**

**圣诞袜(Christmas sock) 圣诞老人(Santa Claus)**

**铃铛(bell) 麋鹿(reindeer) 礼物(gift) 糖果(candy)**

**PYP contents**

* **Cultural Expression: Christmas**

**- Christmas ornaments**

**- Paper plate wreath**

**- Cookie decoration**

* **Christmas Songs**

**-祝 你 圣 诞 快 乐**

**-铃 儿 响 叮 当**

Huang Laoshi