

**KINDERGARTEN NEWS**  
**JANUARY 2007**

**This new year brings lots of new opportunities for our Kindergarten children. You will begin to see many new changes as they mature through their first year of public school. Hopefully, your child has mastered all of the letters and sounds as well as the sight words that have been introduced. All children have been tested to identify exactly which reading level he/she may be on. Reading will be heavily emphasized according to the level he/she may be on.**

**Math is continuing. We teach math using a hands-on curriculum called Math Investigations. This program works amazingly as it builds with future grade levels. By this time of the year, your child should be identifying and creating patterns; identifying numbers to 10; counting objects to at least 10; writing numbers; sorting by varying characteristics; and counting. Our goals for this year are counting to 100; writing numbers to at least 20; identifying numbers to 20; recognizing coins; continue with pattern creations; understanding basic graph information; and of course, basic addition and subtraction.**

**During the last half of school, we will be doing lots of wonderful activities. We will be working on a big Fairy Tale unit in February with a climax for Open House during Texas Public School week. Spring is always a favorite with several observations of insects, etc.**

**We ask that you continue to read with your child every night. Also continue to work on your child's popcorn words that are located in your child's folder. Thank you so much for all of your help and support this year.**

**Kindergarten Teachers**  
**Mary Jo Sheppard**