Greetings:

I truly had a wonderful time sitting down with Monster families during conferences. I am very excited to continue our amazing kindergarten work for the remainder of the year and watching all my Monsters grow! Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns. Have a wonderful holiday week and safe travels to all of those that are heading out of town.

This email includes information about:

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**This Week’s Learning Focuses**

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| **Centers:** | **Learning Goal:** I can produce rhyming words & I can write a letter for every sound | | | | | |
| We are working more with our word families and letter sounds to build and read new words. | | | | | |
| **Reading**  **Workshop:** | **Learning Goal:** I can name letter sounds & I can read with purpose and understanding | | | | | |
| We have been working with pattern books to share what books are mostly about and learn strategies to figure out tricky words. | | | | | |
| **Writing**  **Workshop:** | **Learning Goal:** I can gather information about a topic & I can make my drawings and writings better | | | | | |
| We have been finishing up with our Label and List books. We have worked on publishing our pieces and making them ready for others to read. | | | | | |
| **Math Workshop:** | **Learning Goal:** I can represent a set with a numeral & I can decompose a number in different ways | | | | | |
| We have started our decomposing numbers and counting the objects in a set and then representing the set with a numeral. | | | | | |
| **Science:** | **Learning Goal:** I can draw about what I observe | | | | | |
| We started our first set of science stations last week. We focused on naming parts of a plant, plant life cycle, and the four seasons. | | | | | |
| **Word Wall Words** | Current Set: | of | said | that | but | up |
| Next Set: | look | have | is | there | with |

**Raz-Kids**

This week a letter came home about your Monster’s Raz-Kids account. Raz-Kids can be accessed on most devices and there is even an app in many of the app stores. The direct link to the Team Monster is: <https://goo.gl/RzFFD8> (I made it a short link if you are typing it in).

**Book Orders**

Book Order packets are coming home and include flyers from November and December. I did not receive Firefly flyers for either month, but they are available to view online and order from as well. Orders are due by Wednesday, December 9th.

**Team Monsters December Celebration**

Our Team Monster December Celebration will be held on Thursday, December 17th from 1:30-2:45PM. Our celebration will center around New Year’s around the world and some of the traditions that take place in different countries. Kat Schrodt has created our Sign-up Genius <http://goo.gl/92rIa3> (I made a short link for typing purposes). Please sign up to volunteer and/or donate. More information will be coming in an email from Kat.

**PTA Holiday Craft Night**

This is a great opportunity for Monsters to make holiday gifts for the special people on their list. The information below is from the latest PTA email. If you have not yet joined PTA, please consider joining:

*Our PTA Holiday Craft Night is coming up on Friday, December 11th from6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Roosevelt Cafeteria.  Please put the date on your calendar!  This event allows students to hand-craft quality gift items to give to friends and family.  Cost of crafts will be $1-5 per craft.  Free Gift wrapping!  We will also have hot dogs, drinks and snacks for sale, and we offer a Parent Room with free coffee and pie!  The evening will be open to all elementary school families from Roosevelt, Coolidge and Kennedy!*

**Monster Word Wall Word Lists**

Monsters should have come home with their individual Word Wall Word Lists. Monsters are focusing on 5 to 6 words at a time. New lists will come home about every two weeks. There was a letter explaining the reason behind the focus on these high frequency words, ways you can help at home.

**Teacher-Parent-Student Compacts**

If you have not returned your Teacher-Student-Parent Compact that was in your Monster’s report card packet. Please return it as soon as possible and let me know if you need an additional copy emailed to you.

**Quick Reminders**

Check out our Classroom Supply Donation page, if you would like to donate items to our classroom. We are looking for lots of cornstarch for Gross Science with our Buddies next week: <http://goo.gl/kbdBJ8>

Library books are due every Tuesday

Segmentation takes place every week – Check Schedule

Practice putting on all winter gear

**Important Dates**

Below are the Dates to Remember Please review:

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| **Day/Date/Time** | **Event** | **Comments** |
| Tuesday, December 8th 6:00-8:00PM | PTA/CoolRoc Meeting | Coolidge Media Center |
| Friday, December 11th | PTA Holiday Craft Night | Flyer home this week |
| Thursday, December 17th 1:30-2:45PM | New Year’s Celebration |  |
| Friday, December 18th | Holiday Break Begins | Full Day of School |
| Monday, January 4th | Holiday Break Ends |  |

As always please let me know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Talk to you soon.

Mike :)