



# January News

## Barnes, Hodges, & Smallwood Newsletter

### What we're Learning

**Themes:** Snow and Artic Animals

**Phonics Focus:** middle and ending sounds in words, writing cvc words (ex: dog, pad, sit, vet, jug) Writing their own sentence, digraphs: sh, th, ch

**Saxon Focus:**

Week 1: Letter Ii

Week 2: Letter Ff

Week 3: Letter Rr

Week 4: Letter Kk

Previous letters taught: Ll, Oo, Gg, Hh, Tt, Pp, Aa, Nn, Mm,

**Book of the Week:**

Week 1: The Sneezing Snowman by Maureen Wright

Week 2: The Mitten by Jan Brett

Week 3: Penguins by Anne Schreiber

Week 4: Polar Bears by Laura Marsh

**Math Skills:** Introduction to Addition

Students will first learn to take two sets of objects and "Put them together and count." Next students will learn the addition symbol (+) and the equal symbol (=). Students will learn to read, write, and solve number sentences.

### Helpful Information

At this point in the year students should be able to write a complete sentence about any topic. Sentences should include a capital letter, proper spacing, phonetically spelled words, and punctuation. The sentence must also make sense and be neat. If your child is struggling with any of these areas, please work on sentence writing at home.

### Dates to Remember

- **January 8:** Students return
- **January 9:** PTO Meeting
- **January 10:** Kona Ice
- **January 10:** Report Cards
- **January 20:** NO SCHOOL
- **February 3-7:** PTO Candy Gram Sale
- **February 6:** Winter Fest 5-7PM
- **February 14:** Progress Reports
- **February 17:** Virtual Day
- **March 21:** Report Cards
- **March 24-28:** Spring Break



### Rainbow Words

Currently working on the  
**Yellow List**

Week 1: Review Orange List

Week 2: be, he, we, she

Week 3: see, orange, green, zero

Week 4: the this three

**\*\*In order for students to not fall behind they should have already mastered their Red and Orange words. If your child does not know their read words, please be working on them nightly.\*\***