



# Mrs. McKenna's Newsletter



## December 2, 2016

### This Week in ELA:

This week in reading, we learned that verbs show action. We made a list of action words and practiced acting them out. We also read *Mary Had A Little Lamb* and hunted for nouns/verbs in our poem. We have practiced writing and identifying sight words **it**, **in**, and **find**. In writing workshop, we continued informational writing, which is writing to teach others. Our topics are things that we know a lot about: Chick-fil-A, Gamecocks, the beach, and dogs were a few that arose. ☺

### This Week in Math:

This week in math, we began exploring measurement. We compared objects using the terms "shorter," "longer," and "about the same." We measured objects using a piece of string and a 5-stick (5 connected cubes).

### This Week in Social Studies:

We continued learning about what life was like in the past. We had a lot of fun reading about and discussing toys and games from the past, as well as visiting the Little Red Schoolhouse. We learned about slates, outhouses, lunch tins, beanbag games, stereoscopes, and more!



### Important Dates:

- 12/16 Class Celebration
- 12/19 Start of Winter Break
- 1/3 Back to School
- 1/12 Parent University Night  
(more information to follow)



### Announcements:

- We had a great time on our field trip this week! Thank you, chaperones: Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Jensen, Mrs. Ballouli, Ms. Pinckney, Mrs. Strom, Mrs. Heaberlin, and Mrs. Bowes
- Then And Now Projects: We look forward to sharing these with one another over the next week! Thank you for helping your child connect social studies content with real life experiences. ☺



### Home Talk:

Play "charades" with your child and act out different motions. We learned that **verbs** are words that show action. A few to try: jump, dance, sing, march, walk, scoot, push, write, read, kick, throw, wave, or laugh.



Each week, teachers will pick a student who has done a great job being a "bucket filler," or a kind friend. This week, our bucket filler is: **J.W. Newman**



### December Birthdays!

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| Violet Strom 12/1         | Farah Ballouli 12/12 |
| Kimani Jenkins-Davis 12/5 | Atiyah Scott 12/20   |

