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Dear Parents,

I missed the children so much during vacation. I know they missed school too. I would guess you missed school too! Your children are catching onto new concepts very quickly. Their brains are growing so quickly. We will be adding new concepts sooner and you will notice slightly more home work assignments during the month.

Just before break we started "book worm". Each child should be bringing home a zip lock bag with 2 – 3 beginning books. Please practice reading these each day. I will be calling the children to read to me at least once every two weeks while they are working at centers. I need to have 4 children each day to complete this goal. The children are becoming more independent, but of course the help of parent volunteers really helps too. Even if you can come in once a month it helps. You don't even need to tell me, surprises are always nice.

I began a new discipline technique as well. I found they liked to move their bee! Ask your child about working on the line. Great behavior gives them the opportunity to move their bee above the line. Poor behavior results in moving their bee below the line. During the day they may be moving their bee up and down. Expected behavior results staying on the line which is good. So far it is working well.

The children are growing physically as well. Many of the children are still hungry after their snack. Please start sending more snacks for the children. If you would like to donate a box or bag of fruit snacks, pretzels, cheese fish, etc so that I can have them on hand

for those who forget a snack, it would be very much appreciated. Just make sure it does not contain any nut products.

Library day is on Mondays. Before Christmas we missed a couple of library days due to practice for Merry Mouse. I have received a lot of books back, but just double check for Monday and send in the book if it is still at your house.

The web site is getting lots of hits. The connection on the Cheyenne site is set up and is your easiest way to access it.

We are ready to move onto the 20's in Math. The "teen" numbers went well but will need to continue being practiced. We are also going to be starting to count by 2's up to 20.

Thanks so much for all of your support. Talk to me anytime!

Mrs. Osborne