

January 2012 Newsletter
Kindergarten Readiness Class
Mrs. Britt & Mrs. Bellinger

Dear parents,

Welcome to 2012! We are starting off the New Year with a bang! We will be starting our Star Student of the week, have a blue and white show and tell, make "Gentleness Soup" and work on our Ohio Focuses.

Starting this month, one student will be picked to be the Star Student of the Week. The Star Student will need to bring in one of their favorite snacks (for 18 children and remember no peanuts or chocolate), one of your child's favorite books (not too long) and some pictures of them from birth through now. I will send a note home to you before your child's week attached with some papers that I will need you and your child to fill out together. They will need to be turned in the Thursday before your child's week.

I will start a new devotional for our class from a book called *Special Times with God* by David and Naomi Shibley. It is a really awesome devotional and I think it will be great for the kids.

A special thank you to all the parents who helped our class during December, your donations, the cookies for the program and all the special gifts you gave to me! You are such a blessing!

Our Ohio focus for January will be the following...

- J is for Johnny Appleseed- He planted apple seeds and a few of the trees he planted still grow in Ohio today.
- K is for Karamu House – Karamu House is located in Cleveland and is the oldest African-American cultural arts center in the United States. Karamu is a word that means "a place of joyful gatherings."
- L is for Ladybug – Ohio's State Insect
- M is for Motto - Adopted in 1959, the Ohio [motto](#), [With God, all things are possible](#), is a quotation taken from [Matthew](#) 19:26.

If you have any questions or need more information please contact me anytime (kellelynnbritt@gmail.com, home # 937-318-8495 and cell 937-235-0327.) Have a wonderful New Year!

Blessings,
Mrs. Kelley Britt

Our January focus will include:

- Letters: J, N, W
- Number: 1 & 2
- Color: blue and white
- Shape: rectangle

Moral focus – **Gentleness**—“let your gentleness be evident to all.” Philippians

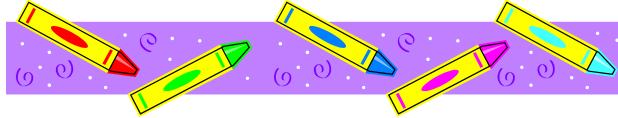
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- Word Wall Words: he, of, that, blue & white

Dates to Remember:

- Tuesday, January 17 – Star Student of the Week - Gavin
- Thursday, January 19 – Blue and White Show and Tell
- Tuesday, January 24 – Star Student of the Week – Cody
- Tuesday, January 31 – Star Student of the Week-Janaya

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January Lesson Plans ~ Mrs. Britt and Mrs. Bellinger

<u>Gentleness</u> ~ “let your gentleness be evident to all.”	
	Philippians
Date: Tuesday, January 3	Gentleness
Circle Time:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make Gentleness “soup” with “nice” spices and “meat” spices. • Introduce January Focuses • Talk about the New Year
Book:	<i>One Little Lamb</i> by Elaine Greenstein
Activity:	Lamb Craft Number “1” worksheet Letter “Jj” worksheet
State Standard Focus:	Social Studies-children will interact with and respond to guidance and assistance in socially acceptable ways with familiar adults at school.
Date: Thursday, December 5	Gentleness
Circle Time:	We will talk about how soft peaches are, how you have to be careful and gentle with the peaches because they can bruise easily.
Book:	<i>The Lost Lamb</i> by Melody Carlson
Activity:	Lamb Craft Number “1” worksheet Letter “Jj” worksheet
State Standard Focus:	Social Studies-Children will label days by function.
Special Snack:	Peaches³

Date: Tuesday, January 10	J is for Johnny Appleseed (John Chapman)
Circle Time:	Cut an apple in half to see the star of the apple. Talk about the different parts of an apple.
Book:	<i>Johnny Appleseed</i> by Jane Kurtz
Activity:	Apple Label Craft Number “2” worksheet Letter “Nn” worksheet
State Standard Focus:	English Language Arts-Children will gain text information from pictures, photos, simple charts and labels.
Thursday, January 12	J is for Johnny Appleseed (John Chapman)
Circle Time:	Match real apple seeds to cards with pretend apple seeds and count.
Book:	<i>Little Apple Goat</i> by Caroline Church
Activity:	Apple Label Craft Number “2” worksheet Letter “Nn” worksheet
State Standard Focus:	Mathematics-Children will use apple seeds to count with one-to-one correspondence.
Date: Tuesday, January 17	K is for Karamu House-in Cleveland is the oldest African-American cultural arts center in the United States. Karamu means “A place of joyful gathering.”
Star Student of the week:	Gavin
Circle Time:	Make a blue collage
Book:	<i>One Beautiful Baby</i> by Martine Oberne
Activity:	We will have a time of dancing, singing and playing Letter “Ww” worksheet Color Blue worksheet
State Standard Focus:	Social Studies-Children will represent ideas through multiple forms of languages and expressions through drawing, conversation, music and movement.)

Date: Thursday, January 19	K is for Karamu House
Star Student of the Week:	Gavin
Circle Time:	Blue and/or white show and tell
Book:	<i>Dog Blue</i> by Polly Dunbar
Activity:	We will have a time of dancing, singing and playing Letter "Ww" worksheet Color Blue worksheet
State Standard Focus:	Social Studies-Children will demonstrate cooperative behavior such as turn taking and sharing during show and tell.
Date: Tuesday, January 24	L is for Ladybug (Ohio's State insect)
Star Student of the Week:	Cody
Circle Time:	Facts of the Ladybug
Book:	<i>The Very Lazy Ladybug</i> by Isabel Finn
Activity:	Ladybug Bowl Craft Rectangle Shape worksheet Color White worksheet
State Standard Focus:	Science-Children will identify common needs (ex. food, air, water) of the Ladybugs.

Date: Thursday, January 26	L is for Ladybug
Star Student of the Week:	Cody
Circle Time:	Make a White collage
Book:	<i>Ten Little Ladybugs</i> by Melanie Gerth
Activity:	Ladybug Bowl Craft Rectangle Shape worksheet Color White worksheet
State Standard Focus:	Mathematics-Children will identify and name numerals 0-10.

Star Student of the Week:	Janaya
Circle Time:	Show a 2012 calendar and show the days of the week and all the months in the year.
Book:	<i>Sing a Song of Piglets: a calendar in verse</i> by Eve Bunting
Activity:	Use clock, timer and sand timer to measure time.
State Standard Focus:	Mathematics-children will recognize that a clock, timer and calendar are various devices to measure time.

