

December 2, 2006

**Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere.** Chinese Proverb

### What Are Molecules Learning?

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#### Math Workshop:

- Counting strategies: Grab and Count, Inventory Bags, Racing Bears
- Writing Numbers: start at top and go down.
- Patterns: AB, AAB, ABB, ABC
- Counting backwards by 10

#### Language Arts:

- Recognizing and practicing the letter /Ll/ and /Ww/
- Story elements: setting
- Popcorn Words: /big/ and /little/
- Writing: Making a list
- Using our personal dictionaries
- Read Aloud: Because of Winn Dixie: *Opal watches Otis calm the animals*

#### Science:

- Baby and Adult animals
- Planting
- Force and Motion



Planting in the courtyard

[www.learninglinks.com](http://www.learninglinks.com)

<http://www.storylineonline.net/>

At this site your child will listen to famous celebrities read their favorite stories aloud. Stories included discussion ideas.

**Courtyard Planting:** Keeping up the ASFS Courtyard requires the effort from everyone. The Molecules joined Ms. Hawley on Friday and learned how we can help. We learned about using gardening tools safely, planting seeds, and getting dirt ready for planting. Check out the photos!

[http://jsriley.com/ASFS\\_RM\\_149/photos/photo\\_gallery\\_06\\_07.html](http://jsriley.com/ASFS_RM_149/photos/photo_gallery_06_07.html)

**Handwriting at Home:** Many Molecules are starting good habits in handwriting! Studies show that proper handwriting increases reading and writing skills. Taking time to practice by encouraging that all letters and numbers start at the top and get pulled down will greatly benefit good habits. The link below will print out practice sheets for your child to use.

<http://www.handwritingforkids.com/handwrite/manuscript.htm>

**Understanding Math:** On 12/4 @ 6:00 parents are invited to join our Math Specialist, Kelli Singleton, and learn different ways to enrich math at home. She will be teaching a variety of games that can be played to strengthen math skills.

**Holiday Traditions:** We welcome parents to come in to the classroom and share one of your family traditions with the Molecules. Please let me know!

#### Kindergarten Bulletin Board

12/4	Reflections Award Ceremony	
12/5	PTA Meeting	7:00
12/5	Picture Make up	

**Molecule of the Week:** Zoe and Michael  
**Snack and Fresh Friday:** Will