



# Dragon Class Newsletter



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Week 18: 12/11/17-12/15/17



## Weekly News...

This week we finished NWEA MAP test for Reading and Math. Please tell them a good job for trying their best. Another amazing thing happening this week is our Landform Study Assignment and Presentation! THANK YOU for all the guidance and support you give to them to complete the task. And we practiced how to present to the whole class. We talked about voice level for presenting and gestures for facing the audience, and how to take questions and answer questions after presentation. Please go to our class website to see more pictures. We also introduced two holidays: Hanukkah and Kwanzaa this week and made a menorah and a Kwanzaa hat with black, green and red color. For Kinder Math we finished learning weight and started learning about volume. For 1<sup>st</sup> Grade we continued learning Module 2 topic 1 with different strategies of making ten. We keep practicing all the procedures and reinforce school wide expectations. If you have any questions, please contact us at [jing@gala-prek8.org](mailto:jing@gala-prek8.org), [john@gala-prek8.org](mailto:john@gala-prek8.org) or [errin@gala-prek8.org](mailto:errin@gala-prek8.org). Thank you for all your support!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Lu Laoshi

### Chinese Words

马 horse, 牛

cow, 羊 sheep,

鸟 bird, 虫 insect



### ELA

#### Phonics:

-Kindergarten: Reading, writing, and speaking words with short e and short o in the middle.

-First Grade: R clusters (tr-, gr-, cr-, etc.)

#### Writing/Literature:

A review of the concept of the main idea of books, looking at both fiction and nonfiction texts. Worked on writing and/or illustrating the main idea of several books read in class.

#### Books We Worked With:

*Leo the Late Bloomer* by Robert Kraus and Jose Aruego  
*Animals in Winter* by Henrietta Bancroft, Richard G Van Gelder and Helen K Davie.

### Reminders

- **Thank you for coming and joining us at the International Holiday Festival last Saturday. The kids did a great job performing on the stage. If you have any good pictures please send to me via email. I will post them on the class website.**
- **Winter break starts from December 25 to January 5, 2018. No School on January 8 due to Teacher Professional Development. We will see you back in school on Tuesday January 9.**
- **Dragon class is hosting a winter holiday party on Thursday December 21. Thank you for signing up to volunteer or bringing materials. We still need some more volunteers at the party. Please see the Signup Genius I have sent this week for more details.**
- **Homework for First Grade and Kindergarten are sent home this Friday and due 12/22.**
- Dragon class website is <http://galadragon.weebly.com/>
- You can search and join "GALAdragon" on [Quizlet.com](https://quizlet.com) to find all the study sets at home. <https://quizlet.com/GALAdragon>