Good afternoon kindergarten families! We are winding down to Winter Break. Just to clarify, the last day of school prior to Winter Break is this Friday, December 16, 2011. Friday is a normal day for morning kindergarten, dismissal time at 11:40, and there is a bus home. We return to school on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

Parent Volunteer Applications – Please remember to apply for a background check if you plan to volunteer at school, even if you are only planning on going on a field trip at the end of the year. The end of the year comes very quickly and background checks take at least two weeks. I cannot take any unapproved volunteers, nor have unapproved volunteers in the classroom. It is better to have the approval now, so that if you have a spare moment and want to come and help in our class or on the field trip, you can take advantage of that special time. You can apply on line at http://www.lwsd.org/Parents/Parent-Access/Pages/Online-Volunteer-Application.aspx.

Since our last newsletter we have learned about the letters d and i. We started our math unit on what numbers mean, how to write numbers, and how to combine numbers to make a set of 10 or less.

We had a successful day building igloos. Check the blog for photos of the finished products! Thank you everyone for contributing materials, icing, and your time to make this a fun day for your children.

Attached with this newsletter are word cards that can be used as flashcards or for games. Game ideas can be found on my blog, http://kayflowers.edublogs.org/.

Important dates to remember:
December 16th – School Spirit Day – Seahawk Day – wear blue, green, or any Seahawk wear.
December 19th – January 2nd – Winter Break, no school
January 16th - Martin Luther King Day – No school
January 31st, February 2nd and 3rd – Conferences, half day, dismiss at noon. No kindergarten bus home.

Today I sent home permission slips for using your children’s work in my portfolio that I am creating in order to earn my Profession Certificate as an educator within the state of Washington. Please complete the permission slip indicating, “I DO give permission....” or, “I DO NOT give permission....” and return the form by this Friday. Your child’s name will be removed from all work and the original will be returned to your child. Photographed or scanned copies of the work will be submitted to the portfolio. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this form.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you!

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