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## KLC's Teacher and Non-Instructional Employee of the Year

Our Teacher of the Year is Karen Howard! (Pictured Right) She is in her 39th year of teaching, and she has been teaching at KLC since it opened in 2007. She loves the moments when the "light bulb" comes on, and her students realize "Hey, I can read" or "I really know how to do that!" She says the best part of being at the KLC is that we truly are a family. We really do care about, respect, and help each other. Of course, it helps that we have a beautiful facility!



Our Non-Instructional Employee of the Year is Gloria Lopez! (Left) She began working at the Kindergarten Learning Center in Spring of 2010. She loves everything about KLC, especially the people she works with every day.

## January Dates to Remember:

**1/03 - Students return to School**

**1/12 - Teddy Bears spend the night at School!**

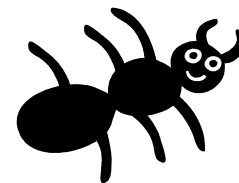
**1/16 - MLK Holiday - No School**

**1/26 - Early Release**



## B.U.G. Awards

On January 23, KLC Staff will begin handing out B.U.G. Awards. B.U.G. stands for "Being Unusually Good." They will be handed out to the students who are caught displaying outstanding behavior. All awards will be placed in a bug net in the office and every day there will be a drawing for one student who will get a certificate and a sticker to wear with pride throughout the day.



Did you know....This newsletter is also available on our website, as well as other helpful information about our school!  
[www.highlands.k12.fl.us/~klc](http://www.highlands.k12.fl.us/~klc)

# Comcast offers affordable internet

Comcast wants to bring the power of the internet to more students and families across the country, so they created Internet Essentials to offer home internet service for \$9.95 a month. They are also offering a low-priced computer. To qualify for this service, your household must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Be located where Comcast offers internet service
2. Have at least one child receiving free school lunches through the National School Lunch Program
3. Have not subscribed to Comcast Internet service within the last 90 days
4. Not have an overdue Comcast bill or unreturned equipment.

### How to apply:

Call 1-855-8-INTERNET (1-855-846-8376) to request an application, and one will be mailed to you.



## Vision/Hearing Testing



If your child received a referral letter to a eye/ear doctor due to failure of vision or hearing test, please send results from eye/ear doctor to the school clinic ASAP, (or call Mrs. Jabas,) as we would like to have this report completed by the end of January. Thank You!

Melissa Jabas  
KLC Clinic



## What's in a word?



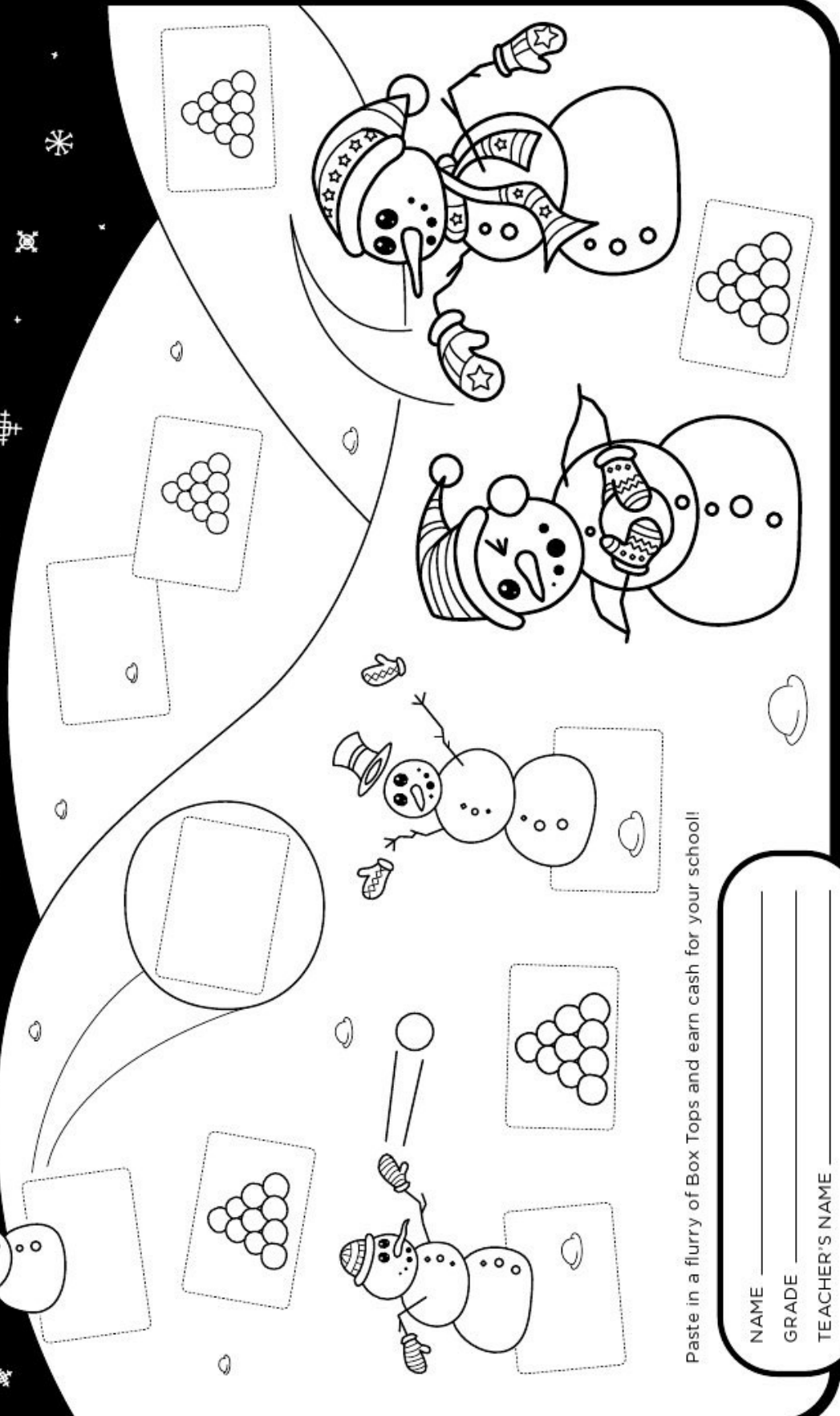
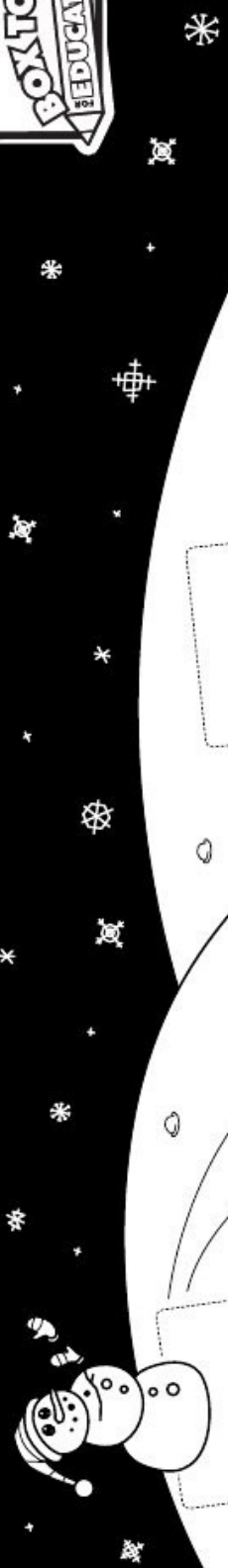
Being able to pick out individual sounds in words can help your youngster become a better reader. Try these two games to work on rhymes and syllables:

- Let your child choose several three-letter words from a book and copy each one onto an index card. Together, come up with three words that rhyme with each of his choices and write each one on a separate index card. If he picks "red," you might write "bed," "fed," and "led." Mix up the cards, and lay

them facedown in rows. Take turns flipping over two cards and helping your youngster read the words aloud. If they rhyme, keep the pair. If not, flip them back over to end your turn. Play until every card is gone.

- Ask your youngster to think of a one-syllable word (phone) and to clap once as he says it. On your turn, clap twice while saying a two-syllable word (chicken). Can your child think of a three syllable word? If not, offer a suggestion, or let him begin the game again with a one-syllable word.

# HOORAY FOR SNOW DAYS!



Paste in a flurry of Box Tops and earn cash for your school!

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
GRADE \_\_\_\_\_  
TEACHER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Bonus Box Tops should not be added to this collection sheet. They should be submitted separately. FOR COORDINATORS ONLY Total # of Box Tops on this sheet:

# Reading Connection

Tips for Reading Success

Beginning Edition

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## Book Picks

Read-aloud favorites

### ■ *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel*

Mary Anne is a hardworking red steam shovel. Her driver, Mike, is upset because all of the jobs are being given to shiny new trucks that run on gas or electricity. What will happen to Mike and Mary Anne? A classic tale by Virginia Lee Burton. (Also available in Spanish.)



### ■ *I Lost My Tooth in Africa*

Your child might be surprised to discover that the African tooth fairy leaves chickens in exchange for lost baby teeth. Based on a true story, Penda Diakité's book tells of her little sister's exciting experience during the family's visit with relatives in Mali.



### ■ *A Day with No Crayons*

The world is full of art supplies! That's what little Liza discovers after she colors on the walls and her mother takes away her crayons. In this story by Elizabeth Rusch, Liza finds other ways to express her creativity—using mud, flower petals, and even toothpaste.

### ■ *Andy Shane, Hero at Last*

Andy isn't sure he can win a bike-decorating contest against his friend Dolores. But as the children ride their bikes in the town parade, Andy has a chance to be a hero. The latest book in the Andy Shane series by Jennifer Richard Jacobson.



## Fun at the library

Where can your child go to hear a good story, find the latest books and magazines, and surround himself with information about almost any topic? The public library! Here are a few ideas for making the most of your next trip.

**Listen to a story.** Ask a librarian for information about story hour. Some libraries even have special read-alouds that include crafts, puppets, or snacks. You can also have your own story time. Let your youngster choose a few books. Then, find a quiet corner and read to him. Or let him pretend to be a librarian—he can read to you or to a younger sibling.

**Find out what's new.** Look for a "new arrivals" display. Your child can read the latest book from his favorite author or discover a brand-new writer whose stories he might enjoy. (Tip: Put his name on the waiting list for new or upcoming releases you think he'd like to check out.) Also, browse the children's magazines. He can



read the most recent issues of *Fun for Kidz*, *Ladybug*, *Click*, *Humpty Dumpty*, and others.

**Read around a theme.** Together, choose a theme for your library visit. You might pick something your youngster is studying in school or another topic that interests him. Then, encourage him to explore different sections of the library as he gathers books that go with his choice. A winter animal theme, for instance, could include a story about a polar bear, a non-fiction book on penguins, and the biography of an Antarctic explorer.♥

## Reading helpers

As children learn to read, they can benefit from the support of as many adults as possible. Here's how you can help with the reading program at your youngster's school:

- Offer to read aloud to the class, small groups, or individual students. You could also listen while students read to you.
- Tell the teacher if you know another language. She might pair you up with a child who speaks that language and is learning English.
- Make books. When students write stories, volunteers may be needed to staple or bind the pages together.
- Help children use computers and encyclopedias to look up information.
- Assist with after-school events such as book fairs or literacy nights.
- Volunteer during your youngster's library time to help students find books they'd like to check out.♥



# Writing: Step-by-step

A writing plan can help your youngster make sure that her story turns out just the way she wants it. Share these steps with your budding author.

## Sketch

Suggest that your child divide her paper into three columns: "Beginning," "Middle," and "End." Then, have her fill each section with sketches that show what might happen in that part of the story.



## Draft

Your youngster can use her plan to write a rough draft. Ask her to say each sentence aloud ("I have a cat named Peanut Butter"), and then help her put the words on paper. This will keep each idea in mind as she writes.

## Check

When your child's draft is finished, ask her to read it aloud and to stop if she wants to add a detail or if something doesn't make sense. Help her add capital letters where they belong.

## Share

Finally, let your youngster type her story on a computer or print it neatly on a fresh sheet of paper. Encourage her to illustrate it and read it aloud to your family.♥

## Fun with Words Crafty spelling

Turn spelling time into craft time! Your youngster can learn how to spell common words, and stretch her creativity, with these projects.

### Alphabet soup

Ask your child to color the center of a paper plate lightly with a crayon to look like a bowl of soup. Then, have her flip through a book and look for *sight words*, or words that are used frequently. Examples: "the," "and," "like," "went," "you." She can use a dark-colored marker to print them in the "soup."



## Q&A From choppy to smooth

**Q** When my son reads aloud, it sounds choppy. How can I help him read more smoothly?

**A** Reading sounds slow and uneven when a child focuses on one word at a time rather than stringing words together fluently. This can happen if a book is too hard or if he doesn't have a lot of experience reading out loud.

If your son is stumbling over a lot of words (say, 1 out of every 10 or so), offer him an easier book. But if he knows all the words and still isn't reading smoothly, he just might need more read-aloud practice.

Encourage him to read the way he talks. Try reading a passage aloud together so he can match your pace. He might also like to record himself reading into a tape recorder or cell phone. When he plays it back, he'll hear how he sounds. Then, he can practice a few times, make another recording, and compare the two to see how much he has improved.♥



## Cute as a button

Help your youngster gather a variety of craft supplies (buttons, dry noodles or beans, sequins, beads, pom-poms). Have her write words that she is learning in glue on a sheet of construction paper. Then, let her press the objects onto the glue. When it dries, she can run her fingers over the letters—touching them will help her remember how to spell the words.♥

## Parent to Parent Solving mysteries

In school, my daughter Ella recently discovered mysteries. Her teacher reads them to the students, and they pretend to be detectives, listening for clues that will help them crack the case.

Ella asked if we could do this at home, so we checked out some from the library: the Young Cam Jansen series by David Adler and A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy. I gave her a small notepad and told her it was a detective's notebook.

I suggested that she use it to jot down the clues as I read. For example, she drew a van that appeared to belong to no one and a character who sneaked out of a party without an explanation.

After reading a couple of mysteries, she solved a case before the detective in the story. She was excited, and I think this has been good for her, because it helps her really understand and pay attention to what's happening in a book.♥



### OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ways to promote their children's reading, writing, and language skills.

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# Kindergarten Learning Center Lunch Menu



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 **School Not in Session	3 Baked Chicken Dinner Roll Scalloped Potatoes Corn Cobbettes Raisins Milk Choice	4 Macaroni & Cheese Dinner Roll Broccoli Carrots & Dip Banana Milk Choice	5 Turkey & Gravy Egg Noodles Dinner Roll Mixed Vegetables Honey Bear Crackers Diced Peaches Milk Choice	6 Cheeseburger on a Bun Potato Puffs Carrots & Dip Glazed Berries & Cherries Milk Choice
9 Chicken Nuggets Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Green Peas Strawberry Applesauce Chocolate Milk Milk Choice	10 Whole Grain Rotini Meat Sauce Garlic Breadstick Green Beans Smart Cookies Cut Fresh Fruit Milk Choice	11 Homestyle Turkey Roast Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Fruited Jello Chocolate Milk Milk Choice	12 Tacos Yellow Rice Whole Kernel Corn Fruit Cocktail Cup Taco Toppers Salsa Milk Choice	13 Mama Sofia Cheese Pizza Carrots & Dip Chocolate Chip Cookie Diced Pears Milk Choice
16 **School Not in Session	17 Baked Chicken Dinner Roll Scalloped Potatoes Corn Cobbettes Dried Blueberries Milk Choice	18 Macaroni & Cheese Dinner Roll Broccoli Carrots & Dip Banana Milk Choice	19 Turkey & Gravy Egg Noodles Dinner Roll Mixed Vegetables Ice Cream Sandwich Apricot Cup Milk Choice	20 Cheeseburger on a Bun Potato Puffs Carrots & Dip Glazed Berries & Cherries Milk Choice
23 Chicken Nuggets Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Green Peas Strawberry Applesauce Chicken Gravy Milk Choice	24 Whole Grain Rotini Meat Sauce Garlic Breadstick Green Beans Smart Cookies Cut Fresh Fruit Milk Choice	25 Homestyle Turkey Roast Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Fruited Jello Brown Gravy Milk Choice	26 Uncrustable PBJ Sandwich Carrots & Dip Diced Peaches Goldfish Crackers Strawberry Applesauce Milk Choice	27 Mama Sofia Cheese Pizza Carrots & Dip Chocolate Chip Cookie Diced Pears Milk Choice
30 Hot Dog on Bun Baked Sweet Potato Fries Baked Beans Apple Crisp Milk Choice	31 Baked Chicken Dinner Roll Scalloped Potatoes Corn Cobbettes Dried Blueberries Milk Choice			

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