

Dear Families,

What a surprise to wake up to a winter wonderland already! It is truly a beautiful, sparkly morning! The snow is so bright we have to squint in order to see! Here are some things that we've been up to this week.

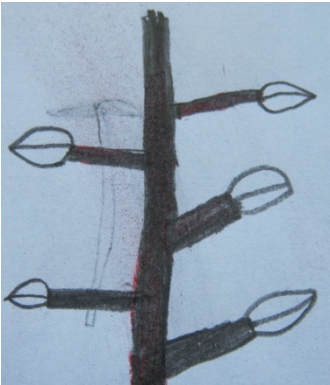
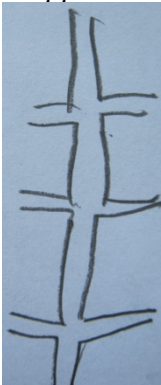


The Week at a Glance:

Tree Identification:

On Monday we continued with tree identification. Now that we have adopted trees on Hogback, we are going to learn how to identify trees so that we can indentify the trees that we adopted. This week we learned four vocabulary words associated with tree ID.

- Coniferous, Deciduous, Alternate, Opposite

Here are some examples of work from the week illustrating the meaning of these words.

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Alternate</i></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Opposite</i></p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Coniferous</i></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Deciduous</i></p> 

Journal Writing

This has been a week of getting excited about writing! Instead of the journals being a place for writing only about real life, I have opened the journal writing time to be more flexible. We talked about story writing, story structure, (characters, plot, setting) and many people are off and running with emerging stories in their journals. There is a lot of creativity and excitement about stories – including emerging comic artists. We've enjoyed sharing the stories with each other!

Instrument practicing – watch for a note in the homework outlining the pieces that your child should practice. I am trying to give you more information so that you can help your child practice if they are unclear about what to practice or how. There is a list of pieces. If your child is having a hard time reading the music it means that they need to go back in the book and read easier pieces. Reading the music will make it possible for them to progress. Please let me know how it goes!

Calendar of Events

- **Halloween All School Sing** – Monday 10/31
- **Poetry Reading** – 1:30pm, Friday, November 18th – You are all invited!
- **Harvest Feast** – November 22nd – More information to come soon!

Looks like it's going to stay cold!
Have a great weekend in the snow!

Erica and Pam