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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Christmas Holidays No School
2 Christmas Holidays No School	3 Christmas Holidays No School	4 Christmas Holidays No School	5 Christmas Holidays No School	6 D4 Classes Resume	7 D5	8
9	10 D6	11 D1 SCC 7:00PM	12 D2	13 D3	14 D4	15
16	17 D5	18 D6	19 D1	20 D2	21 D3	22
23	24 D4	25 D5	26 D6	27 D1	28 D2 Spirit Day Jersey Day	29
30	31 Semester Planning Day NO SCHOOL					



BARKLEY SAYS:

Be on Time

Always do your best

Respect Others

Keep on task

Let Excellence Soar

Exercise daily

Yes to life-long learning

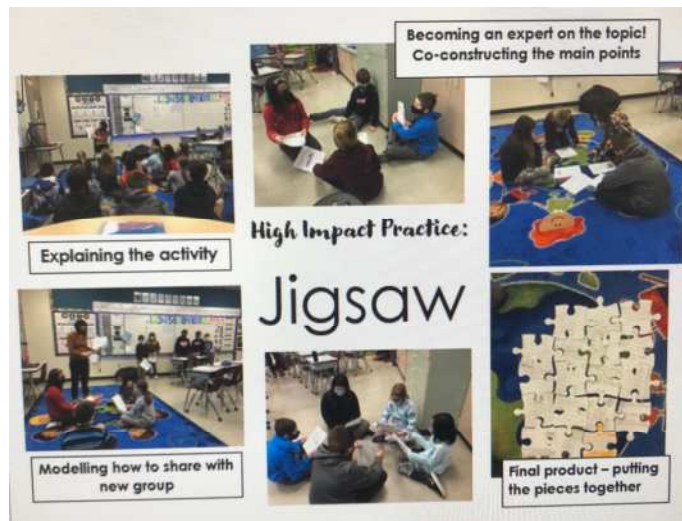
TIPS for Parents with Children in Kindergarten

Play with letters, words, and sounds! Having fun with language helps your child learn to crack the code of reading. The tips below offer some fun ways to help your child become a happy and confident reader.

- **Talk to your child.** Ask your child about his/her day at school. Encourage him/her to explain something they did, or a game that was played during recess.
- **Say silly tongue twisters.** Sing songs, read rhyming books, and say silly tongue twisters. These help kids become sensitive to the sounds in words.
- **Use your child's name.** Point out the link between letters and sounds. Say, "John, the word jump begins with the same sounds as your name. *John, jump.* And they both begin with the letter, J."
- **Play with puppets.** Play language games with puppets. Have the puppet say, "My name is Mark. I like words that rhyme with my name. Does park rhyme with Mark? Does ball rhyme with Mark?"
- **Trace and say letters.** Have your child use a finger to trace a letter while saying the letter's sound. Do this on paper, in sand, or on a plate of sugar.
- **Write it down.** Have a paper and pencil available for your child to use for writing. Working together, write down a sentence or two about something special. Encourage your child to use the letters and sounds he/she is learning in school.
- **Play sound games.** Practice blending sounds into words. Ask "Can you guess what this word is? *m-o-p.*" Hold each sound longer than usual.
- **Read it again and again.** Go ahead and read your child's favorite book for the 100th time! As you read, pause and ask your child about what is going on in the book.
- **Talk about letters and sounds.** Help your child learn the names of the letters and the sounds letters make. Turn it into a game. "I am thinking of a letter and it makes the sound mmmmmmm."

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