

# Hourglass Bulletin

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## Important Dates

January 9th: CSA spirit wear  
January 21st: Hands On Mueseum  
January 23rd: Spirit Wear Day  
January 30th: Math In Day (Spirit wear math theme shirt or CSA shirt)

## Share Time

This month students are sharing a picture of them outside to celebrate our 1000 hours outside challenge. Please email a picture of your learner outside or bring in a picture of your learner.

## Highlights from the Hourglass Classroom:

Here is what the Hourglass students are learning this month

This month in kindergarten, we are continuing to grow as readers, writers, and mathematicians! We will finish introducing all the letters of the alphabet by practicing letter sounds, identifying letters, blending sounds, and dictating words using those letters. Students will also learn new sight words such as *you, your, they, come, some, and what*. In handwriting, we will keep practicing writing CVC words using lowercase letters. During reading time, we will work on reading familiar words in a “snap” and rereading books to build power and confidence. In writing, students will learn to reread their work, use checklists to make their writing stronger, use a vowel chart to help with the middle sounds in words, and use periods to tell readers when to stop. In math, we will begin learning about subtraction and complete a benchmark assessment to check in on all the learning we have done so far this school year.

## Character Corner

This month in kindergarten, our Character Corner will focus on **goal setting**! We will learn that a goal is something we work toward and try our best to achieve. Students will practice setting simple, meaningful goals, such as improving their reading, writing neatly, or being kind classmates. We will talk about how taking small steps, practicing every day, and not giving up helps us reach our goals. By learning to set and work toward goals, our kindergarteners are building confidence and pride in their learning!



## January Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following student(s):

Lottie: January 12th

Your child can bring in a Birthday Treat or Birthday Trinket to celebrate their birthday. We have 25 students in our classroom. Please email me at least 2 days before you plan to bring treats in!

If your child has a birthday that falls outside of the school year, then we can celebrate their half birthday or any other day that you would like! Just make sure to email me!

## Thank you!

Thank you so much for all the love this Christmas season. Whether it was your time, donations, or gifts; it is so appreciated!!

## Proper Outerwear/Changing Weather

As we move through October the temperature will begin to drop. Please make sure to send your child in with the proper outwear to keep them warm and dry during our changing seasons! This year, we will only stay inside for recess if it is pouring rain, or below a feels like temperature of 0 degrees, so please ensure your child has the right garments, coats, gloves, hats, boots, etc. **DON'T FORGET TO LABEL EVERYTHING!** This will make it so much easier to sort through misplaced items. **Please have a designated reusable bag that your child can put all their winter gear in.** If you would like your child to leave this gear in the classroom from day to day, please email me so I don't send it home with them each day.



## Force and Motion:

Students will be learning all about Force and Motion this month. We will enrich this lesson by going to the Hands On Museum at the end of January.

## Beluga Ball:

### **Hourglass Beluga Ball Projects 2026**

This year for the Beluga Ball our class will be donating both a Large Project (a refinished princess tea party play table), and Camping Adventure Basket(s). Here is how you can help our class: Here is the sign up genius for the basket and donating to the project. This gives some ideas and I have included an Amazon link for each item as an example. The items do not have to be purchased from Amazon or be the exact same color/example! If you have any other camping essential items feel free to donate those too. Items can be turned into the classroom. I would like all of the donations by February 1st to have ample time to put the baskets together.

There is also a venmo option if it is easier to donate that way! Cash donations can be brought to the classroom as well, just make sure they are labeled Beluga Ball.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA9AF2DA2FBCF8-60868654-hourglass>

Thank you again for your support to make this possible!

