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Dear Parents,

Given the severe winter conditions we have experienced, Delaware City Schools has obtained approval to utilize "blizzard bag" assignments to make up missed school days beginning with our next calamity day. Blizzard bags continue the learning at home with grade appropriate assignments when the district cannot hold classes because of severe weather.

Delaware City Schools will implement a blizzard bag day in the event of **the next school closing**. The district is permitted to use up to three (3) blizzard bag days instead of making up days at the end of the school year. We will continue to monitor pending legislation that extends the number of calamity days allowed by districts, but a vote is not likely until mid-March.

Blizzard bag assignments, along with detailed instructions, will be posted on the district website by 10 a.m. on the day of a school closing. Students without access to the internet will be given paper copies of the assignments upon their return to school. All students will have two weeks to complete the assignments.

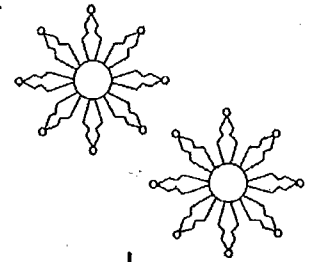
To learn more about blizzard bags, visit the Ohio Department of Education website at <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/Family-and-Community-Engagement/Online-make-up-of-Excess-Calamity-Days/FAQs>. Feel free to contact your child's school if you have any questions about blizzard bag assignments. Thank you for helping us extend the learning at home.

Update on Calamity Day Use

Delaware City Schools has used 7 calamity days to date. State law permits the use of 5 calamity days. Our approved calendar calls for make up days to be added to the end of the school year. At this time, we are planning to hold school on May 29 & 30 to make up the two days. Blizzard bags cannot be used to make up days already missed. If legislation is passed extending the number of permitted calamity days, we will re-evaluate our plan and communicate any changes with parents.

Kindergarten Blizzard Bag

Day One:



Reading

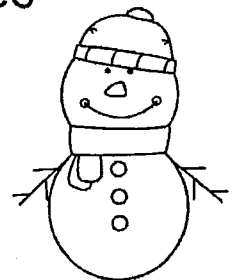
- Read your guided reading books.
- Practice your sight word ring/ flashcards.
- Make a list of words you know.

Math

- Count by 1's and 10's to 100.
- **Challenge** Count by 2's and 5's to 100
- On a sheet of paper, answer the following prompt: Show as many ways as you can to make the number 5 (ex. pictures, words, number sentences, tallies, etc.).

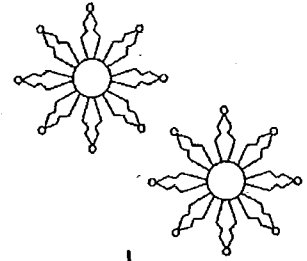
Writing

- Write a story about what you did on your day off. Be sure that your pictures match your words, and that your writing makes sense.



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Day Two:

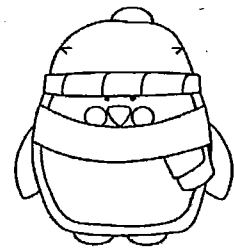


Reading

- Read your guided reading books.
- Practice your sight word ring/ flashcards.
- Practice spelling your sight words.

Examples:

1. Write the words in salt
2. Write the words in shaving cream
3. Paint the words with a Q-tip and paint
4. Build the words with magnetic letters
5. Build the words with Play-doh



Math

- Count by 1's and 10's to 100.
- Go on a shape hunt around your house and record your findings with pictures and words.

Writing

- Write a letter to your teacher about your favorite thing at school. 😊