

NJJS ESL NEWSLETTER

1/3/2019 NJJS ESL DEPARTMENT

明けましておめでとうございます。本年もどうぞよろしくお願ひ申し上げます。新しい1年の始まりに、新しい気持ちで ESL や他の授業に取り組んで、たくさんの事を身につけてほしいと思います。今月の NJJS NEWSLETTER では、12月の学習状況と1月の学習内容についてお伝えします。

GRADES 7-9



Nadia

In December we:

- Continued working in our *Spelling* books and *Very Easy True Stories*
- Learned about winter holidays in December, such as Christmas and Hanukah
- Read a story called *Goodbye, Hello* and studied related vocabulary, comprehension, grammar and took a test on the story
- Watched a Christmas movie called *A Christmas Carol*

In January we will:

- Learn about New Year's Day traditions and resolutions
- Continue working in our *Spelling* books and *Very Easy True Stories* books
- Study the season of winter
- Learn about Martin Luther King, Jr. and why he was important

The students have done an amazing job this month! They enjoyed reading a short book together as a class and did very well on the test for the book. They had fun learning about 2 of the winter holidays people celebrate in this country. Every Monday they like to share a little bit about their weekend, and they're speaking a little bit more than 2 months ago. Great job!

Sandra

The class is doing a great job with their weekly presentations, and I couldn't be more proud of them. We have been working a lot on speaking in this class, and the students are doing a great job! They seem much more comfortable speaking in class and participating in the lessons. Great job! Happy New Year!

In December we:

- Continued with our *Wordly Wise* series
- Continued with our *Scholastic News*
- Learned about the holidays approaching and some key vocabulary words
- Wrote about their hopes and dreams for the new year and made a short presentation to the class

In January we will:

- Practice conversation about their weekend
- Continue with *Wordly Wise*
- Read *Scholastic News* and talk about current events
- Learn about Martin Luther King, Jr.

<p>Nancy</p>	<p>Happy New Year! I hope you had a great winter vacation. To round out the trimester in ESL class, we spent December focusing on speaking skills. We debated which holiday was better, Halloween or Christmas. For those students who were on the team with the holiday that they didn't think was the best, this was a challenge for them. However, they did a great job. We also had fun completing a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activity. STEM activities provide students with a higher level of English language to practice. Finally, in order to expose my students to some classic literature, we watched a video whose story was written by Charles Dickens.</p> <p>With many students coming and going for entrance examinations, we will be having short term assignments in class in January. I wish all of my ninth graders good luck on their entrance exams!</p> <p>In December we:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • had a debate to practice speaking skills. • built "snowball shooters" and had a contest with them. • watched <i>A Christmas Carol</i>. <p>In January we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • focus on pronunciation practice. • read short stories. • talk about literary devices. • practice listening comprehension by listening to music.
<p>Robin</p>	<p>We took some time this month and read magazine articles that related to current events all over the world. The class had to read the articles and complete comprehension questions related to the articles. They also completed cause and effect and had critical thinking questions related to the articles. They worked hard and did a great job!</p> <p>In December we:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • read a poem about Christmas and winter. • wrote a poem about winter. • read a <i>Scholastic News Magazine</i> and completed various activities about it. <p>In January we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • watch a video about civil rights. • begin the novel <i>To Kill a Mocking Bird</i>.



Happy New Year!