

## **Afternoon Kindergarten January 2019**

**Last month, we learned about the Northeast States. We started with Massachusetts and were reminded of the pilgrims who landed there long ago. We heard stories about what life might have been like in colonial times.**

**We learned about some famous Americans including – George Washington, Paul Revere, Molly (Pitcher) Hayes, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Edison, and Betsy Ross.**

**We talked about things we would like to visit in the northeast such as the Statue of Liberty, the Liberty Bell, lobster boats, the Crayola factory, and the Mayflower II.**

**We decided to try some “stitchery” after reading about it in our chapter book. We also learned about the Pennsylvania Dutch (immigrants from Germany who settled in Pennsylvania). We enjoyed looking at pictures of tin punching crafts, and then we tried hammering our own designs on tin. It was the first time for some to use a real hammer and nail.**

**While reading Felicity learns a lesson, Felicity was learning how to properly serve tea and we were learning more about the Boston Tea Party. If your child likes this series, you may want to read Book 3 at home. We completed this unit with a tea party of our own.**

**In January we are starting a unit on the human body. We will begin by learning about our heart, lungs, liver, stomach, intestines, and kidneys. We will learn about the function of each and make an anatomy apron so we could wear our insides on the outside.**

**Next we will learn about the bones that protect the things on our insides. We will find out why we have more bones as a child than an adult and where the largest and smallest bones are. We will read about the muscles that move those bones, and find out what the hardest working muscle is.**

**The kindergartners will learn how eating a variety of foods can help our bodies stay healthy, using the USDA “MyPyramid” as a guide.**

**In Spanish we are continuing to learn a word a day as we illustrate our own Spanish Alphabet Books.**

