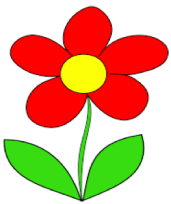


# Kindergarten Cuties

**Ms. Mastropasqua, Ms. Walsh, Ms. Kambouris and Ms. Restrepo**



## Parent Newsletter – May 2017

### WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

#### Reading

We will read nonfiction books about life cycles. The books we will read are **Sunflower Life Cycle** and **Butterfly Life Cycle** both by Jeff Bauer and **Frog Life Cycle** by Justin McCory Martin. We will be comparing these books to fiction books that touch on the same subject. These books are **The Tiny Seed** and **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** both by Eric Carle and **From Tadpole to Frog** by Wendy Pfeffer.

We will look at the main idea and key details in a nonfiction text, new vocabulary words associated with life cycles and different text features of a non-fiction text. Readers will identify similarities and differences between two texts on the same topic. Learners will explore content to tell how different living things change through a life cycle.

#### Writing

We will use pictures and words to tell about the main idea and supporting details of a topic. We will write about information found in a nonfiction book. We will write sentences comparing two texts. We will continue to write complete sentences to add to our writing. We will use a capital letter at the beginning of the sentence and a period at the end. Please encourage your children to use sight words in their sentences and the mini word wall sent home as a tool for writing. Students should make sure their sentence matches what the picture portrays. When doing writing homework with your child, encourage them to stretch their words and write the sounds they hear. Continue labeling their pictures. Practice reading and writing sight words with your child. These words are important tools for the beginning reader.

#### Math

We will be working on Chapter 10 this month. In this chapter we will be identifying and describing three-dimensional shapes. We will be looking at which shapes can roll or stack. We will also be looking at position words like above, behind, below, beside, next to and in front of. We will then begin Chapter 11. We will be comparing and measuring objects and analyzing data.

### What's New in Music and Art?

**Ms. LaMorte:** Students will be working on proper use of singing voice, pitch matching work, and learning and securing songs for Kindergarten Celebration.

**Ms. Eliot:** As the weather gets warmer, we'll be moving outdoors with our songs, exercises, and activities! Please be sure your child is wearing comfortable footwear that they can run in on their Movement day!

### \*IMPORTANT DATES

- 5/2 – PEP Your Time
- 5/5 – Science with Dr. Ortiz
- 5/7 – PTA hosts Mother/Son Bowling at Showplace
- 5/9 – PEP: Tough Topic- Suicide
- 5/9 – Trip to CSI
- 5/11 – PTA hosts Kindergarten Fashion Show
- 5/12 – Mother's Day Tea @ 9:30am
- 5/12 – PTA hosts Spring Plant Sale and Fair
- 5/16 – PEP Your Time
- 5/16 – Spring Concert (Middle School groups perform), 7:00pm
- 5/18 – Petrides Street Fair, 5:00-8:00pm
- 5/18 – Spring Concert (High School groups perform), 7:00pm
- 5/22 – Visit your child's classroom, 9:00am
- 5/23 – PEP: Topic – How to create and keep a positive home environment
- 5/23 – Parents as Partners Workshop – Topic TBA, 2:30 pm
- 5/29 – Memorial Day – No School
- 5/30 – PEP Your Time

**\*Please don't forget to send in Kindergarten Dues.**

#### Save the Date:

6/5 – Kindergarten Celebration in Main Auditorium, 12:00pm

### News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- Be sure to check your child's homework folder every night and take out papers and notices on the keep home side.
- **We will be sending home your child's part in our Kindergarten Celebration. Please have your child practice it every night along with other homework.**
- We do allow the children to have a healthy snack in the afternoon. Pretzels or a piece of fruit are good options. You can also send in a juice box. Please try to keep the snack peanut free.



#### PTA News

We are looking for parents to run for positions on the 2017/18 PTA board and also for the SLT (school leadership team). Please let us know if you are interested. New people are welcome and appreciated.

Rock em not Sock em event has been postponed.

We are having a Mother Son bowling event May 7th from 1:00-3:00pm at Showplace Bowling. Please look for an updated flyer in your children's folders.

The Kindergarten Fashion Show is Thursday, May 11th.

Our annual Spring Fair will be held Friday, May 12th. We are looking for volunteers to help as always. Contact the PTA if you are interested in helping us.

#### A Note From Ms. Caccese

Hello Families,

Spring has sprung...let's get outside and enjoy that sunshine! The feeling of excitement is in the air as we near the end of our school year...let's stay focused and bright until then.

We are proud to open our classroom doors to include parents in the exciting learning that is happening at the Petrides School. We would love for you to observe and be a part of some of the special styles and ways your children learn through each day. This includes things like station style learning, small groups/centers and partner work using classroom resources and tools. We encourage you to visit your child's classroom on the grade's assigned date and time included below:

Kindergarten: Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 9:00AM  
 1<sup>ST</sup> Grade: Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 12:00PM  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00AM  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> @12:45PM  
 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 10:00AM

Looking forward to seeing you soon, and as always we appreciate YOU and your involvement in our special school!  
 Ms. Caccese



