

The Super Second Grade

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Parent Newsletter – January 2018

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Mentor Text: Theodore Roosevelt

Lessons will focus on the following Common Core Literacy Standards:

RI 2.1 – Ask and answer questions as who, what, where, when, why and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.

RI 2.3 – Describe connections between series of historical events, scientific ideas and concepts, or steps in technical procedure in a text.

RI 2.4 – Determine meaning of words and phrases in a text.

RI 2.5 – To know and use various text features to locate key facts or information in a text.

Writing: Non-Fiction Writing Unit

Phonics: This month we will be working on long 'I' and 'o' vowel patterns, er, est ending, and compound words.

Grammar: We will be working on proper nouns.

Math: Go Math Chapter 5 – 2-Digit Subtraction

This month students will:

- Break apart numbers to subtract
- Model regrouping for subtraction
- Model and record 2-digit subtraction
- Write equations to represent subtraction
- Solve multistep problems

Social Studies: Students will learn about 'New York City over time'.

Science: Students will be learning about 'Earth's materials'.



Technology: Your child will continue practicing their keyboarding and mouse skills, typing, resources used for research, and proper use of the Internet. Along the way, we will work on integrating their literacy and mathematical skills, ensuring that all students maximize their learning with hands on opportunities to succeed. In the month of January we will be focusing primarily on mouse and keyboarding skills.

What's New in Music and Art?

Mr. Cintula: We have been learning seasonal folk music from around the world through our textbook series the Music Connection grade two. We will be singing together and solo as well as working with percussion instruments and techniques on various songs.

Ms. Granatelli: During the month of January students will explore the art of book making. Wishing you a very creative & happy New Year!

Ms. LaMorte (Class 332): Students will analyze music (Major/Minor/Duple/Triple), study life of Dr. Martin Luther King, work well in groups with piece about Dr. Martin Luther King, and learn 5 songs about the importance of reading.

*IMPORTANT DATES

1/1 – Happy New Year! No school

1/2 – School resumes

1/15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No school

1/17 – PAWS Awards, 6:30pm

1/17 – PTA General Interest Meeting, 7:00pm

News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- Please make sure your child has sharpened pencils each day.
- Please wear comfortable clothes and sneakers on Fridays.
- Check your child's homework daily for accuracy and completion.
- Upcoming trip in January 31st to see Charlotte's Web at College of Staten Island.
- *****Check our instagram and twitter pages:**
Twitter – @PetridesSchool
Instagram – mjpetrides school

Social Emotional Learning Curriculum

This year, we are rolling out Sanford Harmony Curriculum, a Social Emotional teaching program that cultivates strong classroom relationships between all students. It allows students to communicate, cooperate, connect, embrace diversity, and resolve conflict with their teachers and peers. Our elementary school students are really enjoying their "Meet up and Buddy Up" time during the day. During the month of January, students will be immersed in the Diversity and Inclusion Unit where they will promote an inclusive environment and a common classroom identity.

Students will be provided opportunities to get to know each other and taught to recognize and appreciate each other's similarities and differences. Students will develop a common classroom identity by working together to develop a classroom name and motto.

A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,



I would like to wish all of you a very Happy New Year! So many fabulous things happened here at Petrides in 2017 and I thank each and every one of you for your continued support. The building was filled with parents in December for holiday workshops and shopping at the fair. Please continue to join us at upcoming Parents as Partners events in the New Year. We look forward to an even better 2018!

Please continue to dress your child for the changing of the seasons, as we are committed to sending the children outside for recess, weather permitting. Thank you for all that you do and we are looking forward to a happy and healthy New Year with you all.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi

**Happy
New Year!**

