



# Kindergarten Cuties

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## Parent Newsletter – April 2018

### WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

#### **Reading**

We will read the fiction books **The Tiny Seed**, by Eric Carle and **Jack's Garden**, by Henry Cole. We will bring in spring by looking at how things grow and change. We will look at beginning, middle and end of each story.

#### **Writing**

We will continue to use pictures and words in a sequence to tell a story. We will write opinions about different subjects such as our favorite weather, food and books to read. We will use the word because to validate our opinion and give reasons as well. We will continue to write 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 finishing Chapter 9 in the beginning of the month. In this chapter we will be identifying and describing two-dimensional shapes. We will then start Chapter 10. In Chapter 10, we will be identifying and describing three-dimensional shapes. Please continue to review recognizing and counting numbers to one hundred with your child.

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

**Ms. LaMorte:** Students will work with pitch matching, learn 3 songs and secure 3 songs, and learn new dance.

**Ms. Eliot:** Students will continue to learn rhythms and movements to some of their favorite songs.

### \*IMPORTANT DATES

3/30 - 4/8 - Spring Recess

4/13 - Science with Dr. Ortiz

4/13 & 4/14 - Petrides High School presents: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory - Candy Shop opens at 6pm, Doors open at 6:30pm, Showtime: 7pm

4/15 - Petrides High School presents: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory - Candy Shop opens at 1pm, Doors open at 1:30pm, Showtime: 2pm

4/17 - Parents as Partners Workshop - "Preparing for First Grade Writing", at 2:30pm

4/18 - PAWS Awards, 6:30pm

4/18 - PTA Meeting, 7:00pm

4/20 - PTA hosts "Night of Chances"

### 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 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.
- **\*\*\*Check our instagram and twitter pages:**  
Twitter - @PetridesSchool  
Instagram - mjpetrides school



### Our Social - Emotional Learning...



This month our Elementary School students will be focusing on Problem Solving. We will practice cultivating the ability to solve interpersonal problems effectively. Throughout this unit, students will participate in activities to identify different types of conflict styles and the benefits and costs associated with each style. Students learn and practice a step-by-step approach for successfully resolving interpersonal conflicts and are encouraged to use this approach whenever conflicts arise at schools. At home, you can practice these skills by role-playing with your child. [WWW.home-speech-home.com](http://WWW.home-speech-home.com) has a great website to use for sample problem solving scenarios.

### A Note From Ms. Ponzi



Dear Families,

Spring is finally here and we are heading into the final stretch of the school year! Our children have grown in so many ways and they continue to make us proud each day. Our upper elementary students have been working very hard this past month to prepare for the NYS ELA and Math exams. Our younger students are inspired and continue to practice becoming better readers, writers and problem solvers. I am so proud of everyone, keep up the great work!!

We will continue to host opportunities to engage with our parents and work together to ensure the success of our children. We encourage you to volunteer your time here at school during upcoming special events.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Ponzi

