

Kindergarten Cuties

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Parent Newsletter – December 2017

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Reading

We will be reading the stories **The Little House** by Virginia Lee Burton and **Four Seasons Make A Year** by Anne Rockwell.

We will be looking at change and the concept of then and now. Readers will understand that asking questions enables a reader to gain information from a text. Readers will explore content to understand that there are similarities and differences between then and now using the skill of compare and contrast.

Writing

Writers will understand that pictures and words in a sequence help tell a story. We will be describing an event, tell the order in which it happened and tell a character reaction. We will continue to write short 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. 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 5. We will be doing addition in this chapter. Addition will be represented as putting together and adding to. Important vocabulary words in this chapter are add, is equal to and plus.



What's New in Music and Art?

Ms. LaMorte: Students will work with solo/pitch matching, learn many holiday songs with motions, work well together, learn song about winter and snow, and self-evaluate.

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

*IMPORTANT DATES

12/4 – Book in a Bag begins to go home.

12/6 – PTA General Membership Meeting

12/8 – PTA hosts our annual Holiday Fair – see separate class visitation schedule

12/12 – Parents as Partners – Winter Writing Workshop

12/15 – Science lesson with Dr. Ortiz

12/23-1/1 – Holiday Break – School resumes on 1/2

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.
- Please send a healthy snack and juice box for the afternoon. Please try to keep the snack peanut free.
- ***Check our instagram and twitter pages:
Twitter – @PetridesSchool
Instagram – mjpetrides school



PTA News

PTA Meeting – 12/6
Save the Date – Holiday Fair 12/8

A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,

It was so nice to see so many of you attend our Parent Teacher Conferences last month. Communication and collaboration between families and school is extremely beneficial for the success of our students, so we THANK YOU!

I encourage and appreciate your continued support at upcoming Parents as Partners events. It was so nice to see parents up at school this past month to assist at workshops in the classroom, shop at the book fair, and enjoy SING! I look forward to seeing you again soon!

Please continue to dress your child appropriately for the changing weather. We are continuing to send children outside for recess when the weather permits.

As we approach the holiday season, let us remember the importance of family, friends, and fun! I wish you and your families a very Happy and Healthy holiday season with your loved ones.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi



