



# Kindergarten Cuties

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## Parent Newsletter – December 2019

### WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

#### Reading

We will continue reading non-fiction books about animal homes and animals. Students will read our level A and B nonfiction animal readers to identify pieces of information in a text. (KR2) Students will be using our Reading Super Powers such as Pointer Power, Picture Power and Pattern Power to advance their reading levels. The information learned will then be used to help continue to write non-fiction books about animals.

#### Writing

We will continue to use a combination of drawing, dictating, oral expression, and/or emergent writing to name a familiar topic and supply information. KW2 We will add details to our writing by using pictures and words by labeling our pictures. We will begin to write simple sentences to add to our animal fact books. When doing writing homework with your child, encourage them to listen for the first sound in a word and match the letter to the sound. This is the first step in labeling a picture. Practice reading and writing sight words with your child. These words are important tools for the beginning reader.

#### Math

We will begin Module 2 in the Eureka Math program. Our young learners will seek out and describe flat or two-dimensional and solid or three-dimensional shapes in their environment. Students will have repeated practice with shapes, their attributes and their names. Students will also be comparing similarities and differences of two and three-dimensional shapes. Students will continue to work extensively with numbers to 10 and fluency with addition and subtraction to 5.



### Dance with Ms. LaGrotta

During dance class in December, Kindergarten classes will be continuing identifying and demonstrating isolated dance moves of various body parts, locomotor and non-locomotor movements, and dancing with different tempos and rhythms.

### \*IMPORTANT DATES

12/2 – Book in a Bag begins to go home.

12/6 – Holiday Fair

12/6 – Pretzel Day

12/16 – “Frozen” Sing-a-Long, 9:00am – Wear your best Elsa/Anna/Olaf costumes!

12/17 – Parents as Partners – Book in a Bag 2:30pm to 3:00pm

12/20 – Science lesson with Dr. Ortiz

12/23-1/1/20 – Winter Recess – School resumes on 1/2/20

### News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- Be sure to check your child’s homework folder every night and take out papers/notices on the keep home side.
- Please send a healthy snack and juice box for the afternoon.



### PTA News

The PTA would like to give a big Thank you to all those who came to our “Bowling With the Panthers” event! It was so much fun! A special shout out to the teachers and staff that came along with their families to make this event extra special! Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> is our Pretzels for Panthers day! Only \$1 for a delicious pretzel!

Also Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> is our Holiday Fair, where parents are also invited along for some fun holiday shopping with their little ones! Please see teacher class times for a schedule.

David & Buster’s power play cards are on sale now! A great gift idea your loved ones can use during the holiday week off and support our school!

Shop with a smile on amazon and proceeds will go directly to our Petrides PTA! Please use [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) select Michael J. Petrides in the drop down box and amazon will give 0.5% of your purchase as a donation to our PTA (prices are exactly the same!)

We hope that you can join us for our next PTA meeting on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

### 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 and physical education class 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

