



# Kindergarten Cuties

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Ms. Kambouris and Ms. Restrepo**



## Parent Newsletter – February 2018

### WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

#### Reading

We will read fiction books about the weather. The books we will read are, *Come On Rain* by Karen Hesse, and *A Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats.

We will be looking at beginning, middle and end of the stories, problem and solutions and how character feelings changed from the beginning to the end of the story.

We will look at the big idea of changes for characters we read about and changes for ourselves. Readers will identify and compare characters, settings and major events in stories. Learners will explore content to identify reactions and make close observations of change.

#### Writing

We will continue to use pictures and words in a sequence to tell a story. We will continue to describe events, tell the order in which they happened and tell a character's reaction. 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 working on Chapter 7 this month. In this chapter, will be representing, counting and writing numbers 11 to 19. We will compose and decompose numbers from 11 to 19 into ten, ones and some further ones by using objects or drawings, and record each composition or decomposition. For example,  $18 = 10 + 8$ . We will record.

If your child continues to have trouble writing numbers, please have them practice writing them at home. You can use a yellow marker to write the numbers and have your child trace over the yellow with a pencil. Then your child can try writing the number on his or her own.

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

**Ms. LaMorte:** Students will work with solo/pitch matching, beat competency, proper use/play of rhythm instruments, reading skills with 4 new pieces, with motions, work well together with 5 dance activities, and self-evaluate.

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

### \*IMPORTANT DATES

2/9 – Science with Dr. Ortiz

2/11 – Thank Heaven For Little Girls Dance – Tickets on sale now

2/13 – Parents as Partners Workshop – Looking at Your Child's Work

2/13 – 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School

2/16 – Lunar New Year – No School

2/19–2/23 – Midwinter Recess – No School

2/28 – PAWS Awards Ceremony, 6:30pm

2/28 – PTA Meeting, 7:00pm – Following PAWS Awards

### Respect for All Week February 12 – February 15

2/13 Antibullying Pledge

2/14 Wear Pink or Red – Random Acts of Kindness

2/15 Wear Blue – Petrides Pride

### 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



### Social Emotional Learning Curriculum – Sanford Harmony

This month, we will be focusing on the topic of Communication. The goal this month is to foster the use of effective communication skills during social interactions and cooperative work groups. Students will participate in observational and experiential exercises to increase their awareness of healthy and unhealthy communication patterns. Students will practice using effective communication skills in cooperative learning group activities.

### A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,

February certainly brings about thoughts of love and happiness—and I truly LOVE Petrides and all of our families. Thank you for your continued support and for volunteering your time in our school, it really makes our school such a special place. This month, our Kindergarten cuties walked the runway at the Fashion Show modeling the most adorable outfits. Thank you to the PTA for coordinating this awesome event. Please take note of all of the upcoming events planned for this month, we look forward to seeing you there.

My email address has changed. Please use [JCaputo9@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:JCaputo9@schools.nyc.gov) to reach me.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Ponzi



