



Kindergarten Cuties

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Parent Newsletter – February 2019

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, *A Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats and *Curious George Rain or Shine* by H.A. Rey.

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.

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. 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 and writer.

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 on solo/pitch matching, beat competency, poem with Tempo Blocks, learn new dance, and learn 4 new songs with rhythm instruments and motions.

Ms. Granatelli: During the month of February, art students will continue drawing and painting.

*IMPORTANT DATES

2/5 – Lunar New Year – No School

2/10 – Sweetheart Dance, 2 to 5pm – Tickets on sale now

2/11 – Tammy the Ambulance Visit with the Care Bear Program for K-020 from 11:45am to 1:45pm

2/12 – Tammy the Ambulance Visit with the Care Bear Program for K-021 from 11:45am to 1:45pm

2/12 – Parents as Partners Workshop – Looking At Your Child's Work.

2/13 – Tammy the Ambulance Visit with the Care Bear Program for K-020 from 11:45am to 1:45pm

2/13 – PTA Meeting, 7:00pm

2/14 – 100th Day of School

2/15 – Science with Dr. Ortiz

2/18-2/22 – Midwinter Recess – No School

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.



PTA News

Thank you to all our Kindergarten cuties who showed us their favorite season's fashions in our Four Season Fashion Show! These kids owned the stage and put on a great show! On Sunday, February 10th the PTA will be hosting a "Sweetheart Dance" from 2-5pm. So be sure to invite your favorite sweetheart and come ready to party! Our next PTA meeting will be February 13th, at 7pm, we hope to see you there! Thank you for supporting our school.

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 their 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.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email me at JCaputo9@schools.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi

