

Kindergarten Cuties

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Parent Newsletter – January 2018

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Reading

We will be reading the non-fiction books **Century Farm 100 Years on a Family Farm** by Cris Peterson and **Then and Now Life at Home** by Vicki Yates.

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 6. In this chapter students will understand subtraction as taking apart and taking from. Important vocabulary words in this chapter are minus and subtract. We will look at three different subtraction situations that involve action. They are result unknown, change unknown and start unknown.



What's New in Music and Art?

Ms. LaMorte: Students will work with solo/pitch matching, learn/sing about the new year, learn/sing about Dr. Martin Luther King, proper play of several rhythm instruments, secure winter piece with motions, and secure 2 dances.

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

*IMPORTANT DATES

1/1 – Happy New Year! No school

1/2 – School resumes

1/9 – In class trip – 100 Years Ago

1/9 – Parents as Partners Workshop – Comprehension Homework

1/12 – Science with Dr. Ortiz

1/15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No school

1/17 – PAWS Awards, 6:30pm

1/17 – PTA General Interest Meeting, 7:00pm

1/25 – 8th Annual Kindergarten Fashion Show

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.
- In class trip January 9, 2018 permission slip and money due, \$8.00
- ***Check our instagram and twitter pages:
Twitter – @PetridesSchool
Instagram – mjpetrides school

***A Special Thank You:

We would like to thank Pi State of Delta Kappa Gamma for the money they granted to our Kindergarten classes to purchase two guided reading Science sets for each class.



Social Emotional Learning Curriculum

This year, we are rolling out Sanford Harmony Curriculum, a Social Emotional teaching program that cultivates strong classroom relationships between all students. It allows students to communicate, cooperate, connect, embrace diversity, and resolve conflict with their teachers and peers. Our elementary school students are really enjoying their "Meet up and Buddy Up" time during the day. During the month of January, students will be immersed in the Diversity and Inclusion Unit where they will promote an inclusive environment and a common classroom identity. Students will be provided opportunities to get to know each other and taught to recognize and appreciate each other's similarities and differences. Students will develop a common classroom identity by working together to develop a classroom name and motto.

A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,

I would like to wish all of you a very Happy New Year! So many fabulous things happened here at Petrides in 2017 and I thank each and every one of you for your continued support. The building was filled with parents in December for holiday workshops and shopping at the fair. Please continue to join us at upcoming Parents as Partners events in the New Year. We look forward to an even better 2018!

Please continue to dress your child for the changing of the seasons, as we are committed to sending the children outside for recess, weather permitting. Thank you for all that you do and we are looking forward to a happy and healthy New Year with you all.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi



