

# Kindergarten Cuties

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## Parent Newsletter – January 2019

### 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 pitch matching, learn/secure 2 dances, continue learning winter piece with motions, learn 3 pieces and apply proper play of rhythm instruments, learn/apply 2 chords for stage presence cue, continue securing class song and America.

**Ms. Granatelli:** During the month of January, art students are learning how to draw and paint winter landscapes.

### \*IMPORTANT DATES

1/1 – Happy New Year! No school

1/2 – First day back to school from Winter Break.

1/8 – Parents as Partners Workshop – Comprehension Homework, 2:30pm – 3:00pm

1/15 – In class trip – 100 Years Ago

1/16 – PAWS Awards, 6:30pm

1/16 – PTA General Membership Meeting, 7:00pm

1/18 – Science with Dr. Ortiz

1/21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No school

1/24 – 9th Annual Kindergarten Fashion Show, 7:00pm

### 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.
- Reminder: In class trip January 15, 2019 permission slip and money due by this date.



### PTA News

The PTA would like to thank everyone that came and supported our holiday fair. Please join us this month for PTA meeting January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Kindergarten Fashion Show on Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

### 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 2018 and I thank each and every one of you for your continued support. The building was filled with parents in December for holiday workshops, shopping at the fair and singing holiday songs. Please continue to join us at upcoming Parents as Partners events in the New Year. We look forward to an even better 2019!

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

