



Kindergarten Cuties

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Parent Newsletter – March 2019

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Reading

We will be reading non-fiction books about the weather. The next books we read are *Weather*, by Kristin Baird Rattini and *Storms*, by Miriam Busch Goin. We will be studying all types of weather and storms by looking at details and asking questions about what we read.

We will continue to look at features of a non-fiction text to help us find information quickly and easily. We will look at different types of weather and the seasons in which it occurs and what we wear because of it.

Writing

We will be writing about different types of weather and the seasons it occurs in as well as the garments needed to protect against different types of weather. 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.

Math

We will be working on Chapter 8. We will be representing, counting and writing the numbers 20 to 100. Our young learners will use ten frames and connecting cubes to model 20. We will be writing the missing numbers in the sequence of 1 to 20 to help reinforce children's learning. We will be using a hundred chart to count to 100 and identify number patterns shown on the hundred chart. 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, learn 3 new songs, learn St. Patrick's poem and dance, beat competency work, and learn new dance.

Ms. Granatelli: During the month of March, art students will draw and paint landscapes and still life themes.

*IMPORTANT DATES

3/13 – Report Cards Distributed

3/14 – Parent Teacher Conferences:

Afternoon – 12:20-2:20pm (Half day of school for students)

Evening – 5:00-8:00pm

3/15 – Science with Dr. Ortiz

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 in a healthy snack and juice box for your child everyday that is peanut free.

PTA News

Welcome back! The PTA would like to welcome everyone back from a winter week off! We hope everyone had a warm, cozy, relaxing week and is ready to get back to learning, and school fun festivities!

Our "pretzels for panthers" is this upcoming Friday, March 1. Also, on Friday, March 1st there will be the opportunity for our students to take their Spring Pictures. These school pictures are unique as we allow students to dress down and you may also coordinate sibling pictures. Finally, on Friday, March 1st join us to dine out at TGIFRIDAYS at 280 Marsh Ave for our PTA benefit night, where 20% of your bill will automatically benefit Michael J. Petrides' PTA! (All you have to do is mention our school by name to your server!) Our Night of Chances fundraiser is Friday, March 29th. Please join us for this fun adult evening where you will have chances to win awesome raffle prizes! Last PTA meeting we raffled off a Night of Chances raffle bundle pack! (70 raffle tickets of different levels). All you need to do is show up, for your chance to win! Please join us for our next PTA meeting on Wednesday, March 20th at 7pm where we will be raffling off a chance to win a free ticket to "Bowling with the Panthers" which will be on Sunday, April 7th. Thank you for supporting our school!

A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,

March is the month that makes me reflect and feel LUCKY to be a part of the Petrides family. Last month kept us busy and the help and support from everyone at home certainly makes this such a special place. Parents of 1st and 4th grade students, please help us complete the Readers are Leaders challenge presented by Borough President James Oddo's office. Our Sweetheart Dance was a huge success and we would like to thank the PTA for organizing this event. We look forward to seeing you all at our Spring Parent Teacher Conferences on March 14th.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi

