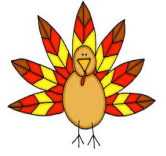


Kindergarten Cuties

Ms. Mastropasqua, Ms. Kambouris, Ms. Restrepo,
Ms. Walsh and Ms. DiMarco



Parent Newsletter – November 2019

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Reading

This month we will be reading non-fiction and fiction books about animal homes. They are *A Bed For Winter*, by Karen Wallace, *Hibernation Station*, by Kurt Cyrus, *Life on a Pond*, by Carol K. Lindeen and *In the Small Small Pond*, by Denise Flemming.

We will be focusing on the Next Generation Standards in reading and writing. Readers will develop and answer questions about a text. KR1 Readers will retell stories or share key details from a text. KR2 Readers will identify characters, setting, major events in a story, or pieces of information in a text. RK3 We will be looking at text features of a non-fiction text such as the table of contents, headings and glossary. We will also be comparing two different texts.

Writing

We will be using a combination of drawing, dictating, oral expression, and/or emergent writing to name a familiar topic and supply information. KW2 We will add details to our writing by using pictures and words by labeling our pictures. When doing writing homework with your child, encourage them to listen for the first sound in a word and match the letter to the sound. This is the first step in labeling a picture. We will begin writing simple sentences. Practice reading and writing sight words with your child. These words are important tools for the beginning reader.

Math

We will continue working on Module 1 in our new Math program, *Eureka*. Our young learners are classifying, counting and sorting objects into given categories. We will also be writing, counting and decomposing numbers to 10, concentrating on the numbers 6 to 10.



Dance with Ms. LaGrotta

During dance class in November, Kindergarten classes will be continuing identifying and demonstrating isolated dance moves of various body parts, locomotor and non-locomotor movements, and dancing with different tempos and rhythms. We will begin working on our alphabet unit, which allows the students to be creative and make the letters of the alphabet with their body!

*IMPORTANT DATES

11/5 – Election Day, No School for students

11/11 – Veteran’s Day, No School

11/13 – Report Cards Distributed

11/14 – Half day of school, 11:20am dismissal

Afternoon Parent Teacher Conferences:

12:20pm – 2:20pm.

Evening PTC: 5:00pm – 8:00pm

11/15 – Science with Dr. Ortiz

11/18, 11/20 & 11/21 – Trip to Cutest Cookie – Dates for each class TBA

11/20 – PTA Meeting, 6:30pm

11/28 & 11/29 – Thanksgiving Recess

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 and a juice box. Please try to keep the snack peanut free.

PTA News

Hi families! Thank you for attending movie night and Trunk or Treat!

PTA Meeting on November 20th at 6:30pm. We will be voting on Early Childhood VP position.

Bowling with the Panthers – Sunday, November 17th from 2:00pm–4:00pm. \$15 per person includes bowling, shoes, pizza, and drink

Pretzels for Panthers is November 1st.

A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,

November is a month to give thanks! I am so thankful for all of the parents who have supported our children so far this school year. We would like to say a big thank you to our PTA who organized this year’s Halloween event “Trunk or Treat” for our Elementary School students.

This month we will be celebrating the importance of reading here at school, but reading at home is very important too. The benefits of independent reading include improved vocabulary, verbal fluency, and enhanced general academic achievement. Please be sure that your child is practicing reading nightly and reading books that are on their independent reading level.

As Dr. Seuss says, “The more you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you will go.” I cannot wait to see all the places our children will go.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi

