



Kindergarten Cuties

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Parent Newsletter – October 2017

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Reading

This month we will be reading the stories, *Are You My Mother?* by P.D. Eastman, *Come Along Daisy*, by Jane Simmons, *A House for Hermit Crab*, by Eric Carle and *Make Way for Ducklings*, by Robert McCloskey.

Readers will understand that asking questions enables a reader to gain information from a text. Readers will explore main characters and setting, retelling, problem and solution and character feelings in each story. We will also be studying the big idea of animal homes and living together.

Writing

We will be working on the common core writing standards, "I can retell a story" and "I can add details to my 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. 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 2. This chapter compares numbers to 5. Important vocabulary words in this chapter are compare, greater, less and same number.



What's New in Music and Art?

Ms. LaMorte: Students will learn 4 songs to work with pitch matching, soft singing, reading words, proper use of rhythm instruments, movement/dance, and to learn about Christopher Columbus.

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

*IMPORTANT DATES

10/9 – Columbus Day – No School

10/13 – Trip to Blossom Time Florist for pumpkin picking.

10/18 – PTA Meeting, 7pm

10/20 – Science Lessons with Dr. Ortiz

10/29 – PTA sponsors "Boo at My School", 2-5pm

10/31 – Halloween March of Dimes Wonder Walk on school track. Students may wear their Halloween attire. No face masks please.

Be sure to send in trip money, \$10 per student, and permission slips as soon as possible.

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

Coming up:

10/16 – Chocolate Sale Ends
10/18 – Next PTA Meeting

10/29 – Boo at My School – We are accepting candy donations. Please label donations "ATTN PTA" and feel free to send them to school with your child, leave them at the main office, or at circular drive during drop off.
Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the event please e-mail D31r080pa@schools.nyc.gov

Save the Date – Holiday Fair 12/8

A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,

We are off to a great start and I am super excited to begin this next month of school. We will be hosting a Walk-a-thon to support the March of Dimes on October 31st at 9:45am on the field. All students in grades Pre-K-4 are invited to walk in their Halloween costumes on our annual parade. We ask that you refrain from dressing the students in costumes with masks and please do not send props into school. March of Dimes envelopes will be sent home this week and can be returned with donations on the day of the Wonder Walk. Parents are welcome to view our costume parade on the field (weather permitting). Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi



