



# Kindergarten Cuties

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## Parent Newsletter – April 2019

### WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

#### Reading

We will read the fiction books **The Tiny Seed** by Eric Carle and **Jack's Garden** by Henry Cole. We will bring in spring by looking at how things grow and change. We will look at beginning middle and end of each story.

#### Writing

We will continue to use pictures and words in a sequence to tell a story. We will write opinions about different subjects such as our favorite weather, food and books to read. We will use the word because to validate our opinion and give reasons as well. 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 and the mini word wall sent home as a tool for writing. 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 finishing Chapter 9 in the beginning of the month. In this chapter we will be identifying and describing two-dimensional shapes. We will then start Chapter 10. In Chapter 10, we will be identifying and describing three-dimensional shapes. Please continue to review recognizing and counting numbers to one hundred with your child.



### What's New in Music and Art?

**Ms. LaMorte:** Students will learn proper singing techniques and motions and learn dance with partner.

**Ms. Granatelli:** During the month of April, art students will continue practicing drawing and painting real life and imaginary themes.

### \*IMPORTANT DATES

4/12 – Science with Dr. Ortiz

4/12 – 7:00pm, 4/13 – 7:00pm, 4/14 – 2:00pm

The Michael J. Petrides School presents

*The Little Mermaid*

4/17 – Paws Awards/Academic Success Celebration, 6:30pm

4/19 – 4/28 – Spring Recess

4/30 – Parents as Partners Workshop – Preparing for First Grade Writing, 2:30pm-3:00pm

### 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 try to send in a healthy snack that is peanut free. You can also send in a juice box.

Thank You

### PTA News



Friday, April 5th is Pretzels for Panthers.

Bowling with the Panthers is April 7th from 2-4 at Showplace. It's \$15 per bowler. Included 1 slice of pizza, drink, 2 hours of bowling, and shoe rental.

PTA meeting is Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00pm.

Dave and Busters Power cards are on sale now until May 20th.

We would like to thank you for attending the Night of Chances. It was a huge success and a special thank you to all of our donors, volunteers, teachers, staff, and students for all of their hardworking and help.

Thank you!

### A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,

Spring is finally here and we are heading into the final stretch of the school year! Our children have grown in so many ways and they continue to make us proud each day. Our upper elementary students have been working very hard this past month to prepare for the NYS ELA and Math exams. Our younger students are inspired and continue to practice becoming better readers, writers and problem solvers. I am so proud of everyone, keep up the great work!!

We will continue to host opportunities to engage with our parents and work together to ensure the success of our children. We encourage you to volunteer your time here at school during upcoming special events.

Enjoy the upcoming Spring Recess with the ones you love!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Ponzi

