



Kindergarten Cuties

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Parent Newsletter – November 2018

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.

Readers will ask and answer questions to gain information from a text. Readers will explore the main topic and key details of non-fiction books. 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 working on the common core writing standards, "I can tell the main topic and key details of a book", "I can add details to my writing by using pictures and words by labeling our pictures" and "I can identify similarities and differences between two texts on the same topic". 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 be working on Chapter 4. This chapter compares numbers to 10. Important vocabulary words in this chapter are ten, match, pair, and, compare, greater and less.



What's New in Music and Art?

Ms. LaMorte: Students will work with solo/pitch matching, coins, consistent Tempo work with poem, learn 2 Thanksgiving pieces with rhythm instruments, and learn piece about the Golden Gate Bridge with motions and rhythm instruments.

Ms. Granatelli: Students will continue developing their drawing and painting skills.

*IMPORTANT DATES

11/6 - Election Day - No School for Students

11/12 - Veteran's Day, No School

11/14 - Trip to Staten Island Zoo - Parents are welcome to meet us at the zoo.

11/19 - Deadline to submit online, What are you thankful for this year? @ www.lanza.nysenate.gov

11/22 & 11/23 - Thanksgiving Recess - No School

11/27 - Report Cards Distributed

11/28 - Half day of school - 11:20am dismissal

Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences 12:20pm - 2:20pm.

Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences 5:00pm - 8:00pm.

11/30 - 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.
- We do allow the children to have a healthy snack and a juice box. Please try to keep the snack peanut free.

PTA News

-Thank you Panther families for making our 1st trunk or treat possible. We truly appreciate your generosity and support.

-Our 2nd Pretzels for Panthers sale will be held on Friday, 11/2 during all three lunch periods for \$1 each. Pre-K - 12 are encouraged to participate. Please be reminded that Pretzels for Panthers will be the 1st Friday of each month.

-Thank you to those who have participated in our World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser.

-Please join us on 11/8 for "Pies with the PTA" at 7:00pm for your chance to win a raffle and to discuss more about what's to come for elementary. We will be serving freshly baked pies.

A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,

November is a month to give thanks! I am so thankful for all of the family members 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 reading books on their independent reading level provided by their teacher.

One of my favorite quotes from Dr. Seuss is, "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

