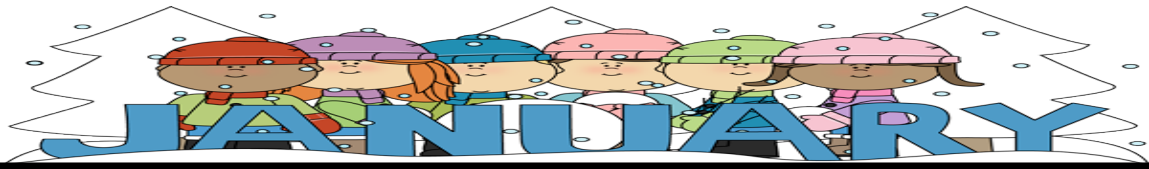


Ms. Luca and Mrs. Premus UPK Newsletter



This Month

Welcome back! We hope you had a great holiday break! Our best wishes for the New Year. We would like to thank you for making Gingerbread House Day a success with all your generous donations. **Please send in a new set of winter change of clothes for your child.** We will be hosting two family involvement sessions this month! On **Tuesday, January 9th at 2:30pm** we will be hosting our Read Aloud With Me Workshop. We will introduce our book in a bag program and share tips on how to do a read aloud during this session. Our International Feast will be on **Tuesday, January 16th at 2:30pm.** Details to follow on both workshops. We are excited for the second half of the school year and look forward to watching your children continue to grow and make memories. Happy Birthday:
Class 001 : Brielle 1/4 ,Sadie 1/11

Literacy Corner

- *The Snowy Day*, by Azra Keats
- *The Jacket I Wear In The Snow-* by Shirley Neitzel
- *The Mitten* , by Jan Brett
- *What Makes the Weather?*, by Janet Palazzo
- Weather books such as the following by Robin Nelson: *A Cloudy Day, A Windy Day, A Sunny Day and A Snowy Day*

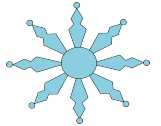
Vocabulary

- Meteorologist- A person who studies weather.
- Forecast- Tells us the weather.
- Conflict Resolution- Solving problems in a nice way by using kind words.



Themes

- Transportation/Traveling Part II
- Weather
- Conflict Resolution



Upcoming Dates

- 1/1 – Happy New Year! No school
- 1/2 - School Resumes
- 1/9 - Read Aloud With Me Parent Workshop, 2:30pm
- 1/15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
- 1/17 - PAWS Awards, 6:30pm
- 1/17 – PTA General Interest Meeting, 7:00pm
- 1/16 - International Feast, 2:30pm

Social Emotional Learning Curriculum

This year, we are rolling out Sanford Harmony Curriculum, a Social Emotional teaching program that cultivates strong classroom relationships between all students. It allows students to communicate, cooperate, connect, embrace diversity, and resolve conflict with their teachers and peers. Our elementary school students are really enjoying their “Meet up and Buddy Up” time during the day. During the month of January, students will be immersed in the Diversity and Inclusion Unit where they will promote an inclusive environment and a common classroom identity. Students will be provided opportunities to get to know each other and taught to recognize and appreciate each other’s similarities and differences. Students will develop a common classroom identity by working together to develop a classroom name and motto.

A Note from Ms. Ponzi



Dear Families,

I would like to wish all of you a very Happy New Year! So many fabulous things happened here at Petrides in 2017 and I thank each and every one of you for your continued support. The building was filled with parents in December for holiday workshops and shopping at the fair. Please continue to join us at upcoming Parents as Partners events in the New Year. We look forward to an even better 2018!

Please continue to dress your child for the changing of the seasons, as we are committed to sending the children outside for recess, weather permitting. Thank you for all that you do and we are looking forward to a happy and healthy New Year with you all.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi



**Happy
New Year!**