



\*The Kindergarten News\*  
January 2nd,  
2019 and  
January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

# Pre-K and Kindergarten Newsletter

**Theme-** Healthy kids/Winter/Penguins

**Expressive Vocabulary-**

**innovative**: tendency to bring about change

**jealous**: having envy of a person or what a person has or can do

**kudos**: praise, honor, or credit

**likelihood**: the state or fact of something's being likely

**Review-** Letters: li and Jj/ Kk and Ll

**Fable:** *The Quack Frog*

**Manners:** "take turns" and "show good sportsmanship"

**Bits of Intelligence:** Presidents

**Sight Words-**

week 21-him, yes, by, do, he

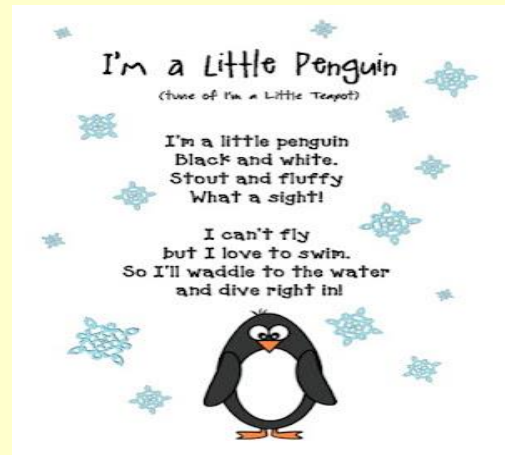
week 22- of, we, all, how, now

**Student of the Week-** Arya Patel (taken home Friday 1/4 and returned to school Monday 1-7)

**Author Study-**Robert Munsch

Welcome back from Winter Break!

**Language Arts:** We will be busy reviewing many of the skills that we have learned thus far in kindergarten. The children will continue to work in small guided reading groups. We are also learning to read independently during silent reading time. We will continue to practice our color words and review our shapes and printing. Now that we have completed our alphabet and the phonetic sound for each letter, we will spend more time with daily review of our sight words and word families. The class will enjoy a fun penguin song and learn many facts about penguins.



**Math:** We will continue to practice addition and begin simple subtraction. The children are very excited about telling time and using our clocks to tell time by the hour. In addition, the boys and girls will work on greater than and less than as well as place value.

**Science:** Winter will be our theme in science this week and we will discuss the changes that occur with our weather during the season of Winter. The boys and girls will talk about how people and animals adapt to the change of cold weather and we will create a list of fun activities we can do during the winter season. The children will do a fun science experiment called the blubber mitt. We will see how arctic animals such as penguins, whales and seals stay warm in the arctic!!

**Social Studies:** We will be learning about healthy kids and we will discuss many different things we can do to keep our bodies healthy. We will discuss eating right, brushing our teeth, exercising, getting plenty of sleep, and visiting the doctor and dentist. We will look at stories and complete hands on activities to reinforce good healthy habits. We will focus on the four basic food groups and then make a class poster using ads from grocery stores.

**Art:** We will have fun making a cute winter penguin craft and playing with modeling play clay! The children will also be studying the artist Picasso over the next few weeks. Look for some interesting portraits to arrive home this month.

**NOTES TO PARENTS:**

\*Our kindergarten class will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. Please watch for special information about this very exciting day!

\* Show and tell day on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. Your child can bring in one toy to school to share with the class. Please be respectful of our non-violent policy.

\*Music with Mrs. Michelle January 11<sup>th</sup>.

\*Registration opens for 2019-2020 school year and 2019 summer camp on January 15<sup>th</sup>. This is for currently enrolled students.

\*Indoor fire drills Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.



**Pre-K class**

We will be very, very, very busy with our letters, reading stories, word families and high frequency words this week. The children will be busy with motor inside and out. Now that winter is finally here, please bring outside weather clothes (hat, gloves and scarf). We hope to get outside as much as possible weather permitting. Also check your child's extra clothes bag in their backpack for weather appropriate clothes (long sleeve and pants). In craft and writing, the children will be printing letters and numbers and begin tracing and writing their last names.