



Mrs. McKenna's Newsletter



January 27, 2017

This Week in ELA:

This week in reading, we added "big," "little," and "was" to the word wall. We also discussed digraphs /th/ and /wh/. We read and acted out *I'm a Little Penguin*. Additionally, we talked about really zooming in on pictures to make meaning from stories when words get tricky. We know we won't always have patterns to rely on when we are reading. In writing workshop, we continued writing persuasive pieces with the goal of convincing others.

This Week in Math:

This week in math, we continued number bonds, practicing making up our own stories. For example, if I gave your student the WHOLE number 5, he/she came up with the PARTS, such as: There were four horses in the barn and one in the field. How many in all? We want to build our fluency with our parts to 5 (5 and 0, 4 and 1, 3 and 2).

This Week in Science: We learned about Adelie and African Penguins. We know Adelie Penguins live in Antarctica and African Penguins prefer much warmer weather off the coast of Africa. Our vocabulary words were **iceberg** and **burrow**.



January Birthdays!

Ammar Reed 1/9 Sawyer Anderson 1/29
Taylor Jensen 1/12

Important Dates:

- 2/2 100th Day of School (*Correction from blog post)
- 2/17 Early Dismissal
- 2/20 Inclement Weather Makeup Day
- 2/24 FLE Musical/Silent Auction (more information to follow)



Announcements:

- See the blog post about the optional 100th day project! One correction: We will celebrate this day on **THURSDAY**, but feel free to bring projects in on Wednesday if you would like to. ☺



Home Talk:

Ask your child what he/she learned about Adelie and African Penguins this week in school. Which make donkey sounds? Which steal rocks from other penguins for their nests? Which likes the cold weather? Which likes the hot weather?

We are Bucket Fillers!



We fill buckets...no dipping!

Each week, teachers will pick a student who has done a great job being a "bucket filler," or a kind friend. This week, our bucket filler is: **Mallory Heaberlin**

