



Kindergarten Newsletter



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This Week in ELA:

This week in reading, we reviewed short/long vowel sounds of *a, e, i, o* and re-emphasized how "sneaky *e*" is sometimes used to make a long vowel sound (as in "ride"). We also continued our discussion on nouns and verbs, creating a class chart of different people/places/things and action words. In writing, we wrapped up our informational writing unit by learning how to organize information with a "star chart." This tool will come in handy for research and note-taking skills. Look at the latest blog post to see some examples! ☺

This Week in Math:

We visited math centers, sharpening our skills of all first and second quarter material. Students worked on geoboards, played a dice roll game, explored math games on the computers and iPads, explored our 2D/3D shape blocks freely, and played with dominoes. Next week, we will be exploring addition with number bonds (a concept map for math) and practice composing ten in different ways. For those who are already adding, we will work on our adding fluency, or being able to do the problem in three seconds or less.

This Week in Science/Social Studies:

In science, we read both fiction and non-fiction texts related to winter. We discussed what people and animals do and different kinds of winter weather. We also reviewed our first three of Steven Covey's *Seven Habits of Happy Kids* and introduced the fourth: think win-win.



1/11 Kendall Collins
1/28 Addyson Barrett

Important Dates:

1/18 MLK Jr. Holiday
1/28 NASA night



Reminders:

- Please send your child in uniforms daily! ☺
- Please sign your child out no later than 2:15 if you are picking up early for any reason.
- Library Checkout Days: Frazier-Tuesday, McKenna-Wednesday
- Upcoming Activities: Frazier-Science Explorations, McKenna-PE



Home Talk:

We are beginning a unit on penguins next week. Ask your child what (s)he already knows about penguins. What are some things (s)he would like to learn? Have your child write down a "wondering" (or a few). **Bring in the wondering to share with the class on Monday!**

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 fillers are:

Elizabeth Slowinski & Max Saltzman

Congratulations, Bucket Fillers!