

Parents,

We are embarking on a new unit of study in kindergarten, which is always a favorite: penguins! To kick start this unit, we would like for your child to return to school with one or more "wonderings" he/she has about penguins. Encourage these wonderings to be **something they do not already know**. Have your child write down these questions so they can share them with the class. Let them try to do the written part independently. (If it is hard to read, you can go back and write underneath it what they intended to say). We'd love for these to come in by Tuesday, January 19.

After we have an introduction to penguins, your child will select a question to further research and share with the class. It may be one of their original questions or something else may spark an interest. Once they choose their final wondering(s), we will share them back with you so they may begin an at-home study. Similar to our Then and Now project, we are not setting specific parameters for how they share their research. They may create a book, poster, diagram, bring in pictures, or any other creative ideas you and your child may have. Keep in mind that this is supplemental to the research we will be doing in class and a way for you to be a part of our learning! We will begin sharing our projects on Friday, January 29.

Let us know if you have any questions, and we will look forward to kick starting our "Penguin" discussion on Tuesday!

Sincerely,

eLc Kindergarten Teachers