

## What's Happening In Kinder?

2/18-2/22 Mid Winter Break

3/22-3/25-Conference and Staff Days- no school

2/14 Valentine's Day Celebration- info to come this week!

### Ms.Perez & Ms.Alison Highlights

We had a super fun week learning about seahorses. They seem to really love seahorses. Did you know that they have no stomach and swallow their food whole?! Crazy fish! Ask your child what they learned about seahorses this week, they are a world of knowledge! We had a load of fun reading Mister Seahorse by Eric Carle and making beautiful pastel and tissue paper seahorses. We also finished learning about the great white shark.

We continued working on rhyming this week. We introduced the "ake", "og" and "ing" word families. The kids sorted rhyming words and pictures to reinforce what they learned. The kids had a ton of fun working with shapes to build pattern puzzles. The cat was their favorite.

The kids were also really excited to take the MAP assessment!

Allison and I are doing our best to keep the class sanitized. **PLEASE SEND IN A NON SPILL WATER BOTTLE** on Monday. I will send them home on Fridays.

### Ms.Hope & Ms.Mayes Highlights

We successfully completed our first MAP assessment! The kids did a fabulous job and even enjoyed the experience!

We formally introduced short vowels. We focused on short A and had fun "meeting" Miss A from the letter people. She has a terrible cold and says "aaaa-chu." We practiced building words with the short a sound.

In Math we continued working on combining numbers (addition.) We played a new version of roll and record in which students rolled two dice, counted how many dots they had altogether and recorded the number on a graph.

We are having so much fun with our unit on animals in the winter. We read Tacky the Penguin, a fictional story about an odd penguin that saves the day. We identified Tacky's character traits, which we will use next week to help us compare fiction and nonfiction texts about penguins. We also practiced labeling a penguin and polar bear and discussed how different parts of their bodies help them survive in the arctic.

The kids loved learning how to draw a penguin and did a great job following directions during our guided drawing activity. Their penguins came out adorable!