

What's Happening In Kinder?

2/18-2/22 Mid Winter Break

3/21 Aquarium By The Bay Field Trip- *please let us know if you can drive*

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

2/14 Valentine's Day Celebration

Valentine card exchange and Cookie Decorating Festivities will take place on 2/14 from 1-2. You are more than welcome to join us if you can. Stay tuned for more information and a list of all students' names.

2/6 100th Day of School Celebration! 1:00-2:00 in the First grade classrooms and playground area. Parent Volunteers are needed to help run a few fun games that encourage kids to count to 100. Shoot us an email if you can help out.

Ms.Perez & Ms.Alison Highlights

This week we learned about the different zones of the ocean and different types of fish that live in each zone. The students painted bright and beautiful sea creatures that we will put in our life-sized ocean zones display. We continued to learn about rhyming and worked on sorting rhymes by picture.

In Math they practiced measuring the lengths of each other's shoe size using math cubes, and compared their findings at the end of the lesson. They also had a great transition back into Dreambox after doing a great job on the MAP Assessment last week.

Ocean Reports due 2/8

We have been spending a lot of time tying shoes. Please send kids to school in velcro, or use "no-tie laces"; you can find them on amazon.

ALL STUDENTS NEED A WATER BOTTLE AT THEIR TABLE! SEVERAL KIDS HAVE BEEN ABSENT THIS WEEK AND WE WANT TO AVOID SPREADING GERMS.

Ms.Hope & Ms.Mayes Highlights

This week we continued learning about short vowel sounds. We met Miss E who likes to eeee-exercise! In Writer's Workshop we introduced the idea of editing our work. We've also been practicing how to use speech bubbles to make our characters talk.

In Math we did penguin addition and introduced Quick Images, an activity in which students reproduce quantities on a ten frame that are briefly flashed. We are continuing to practice counting by 5's.

We continued learning about Arctic animals this week. We read *All About Penguins* and found sight words and facts in the text. We finished comparing Tacky the Penguin to Real Penguins. We also studied polar bears.

The kids showed great persistence during our guided drawing lesson of polar bears. It was quite a challenge for all of us!

**We sent information in Friday folders about how to access Reading Eggs at home. Please let us know if you have any questions! The kids love using this program in class.!

Dear Kindergarten through 2nd grade Families,

Thank you to all of our amazing families who have been coming in to volunteer at our recesses. We invite parents to volunteer during our recess times (9:40-10:00am OR 11:20-11:40am) and we ask that you adhere to the following guidelines:

Guidelines:

* Please sign-in at the office and get a volunteer badge.

*Check in with a recess aide (Ms. Sumaira, Ms. Melissa, Ms. Eliana or Ms. Alison) to find out where they would like you to volunteer.

*If you are volunteering to monitor the zipline: one student at a time on the platform, only adults grab the bar, help students decide how to line up (roshambo-off, alphabetical order, birthday month order)

* If you are volunteering to play organized games such as four-square, basketball, soccer, etc: get equipment from Ms. Melissa, help students pick teams, engage in the game with them

*Please encourage the students to talk to each other when they have conflicts. If conflicts can't be resolved by students, ask the recess staff to help the students. Discipline should be handled by recess staff members only.