



January 2019

Kindergarten NEWS

Mid-Trimester

It's hard to believe, but the 2nd mid-trimester will end on January 25th ...already! To prepare, we will begin assessing kids when we return from winter break. This assessment will cover all skills discussed during conferences. In addition, we will be assessing the sight words we have introduced thus far. Sight words are practiced on a regular basis in class, but also require additional practice at home. Remember, each week we supply the next word(s) on your child's homework sheet.

You will receive a mid-trimester report in your child's Friday folder on Friday, February 1st. Please sign the white envelope and return it on Monday in your child's folder. Please continue to ask if you have additional questions. Thanks! ☺

Ridge View Elementary
Kindergarten Team

In the Classroom

During January we like to study about penguins as our vehicle of high interest content that incorporates all of our content areas. In addition to learning cool penguin facts, we will create a world map together focusing on continents and major oceans. You might just hear your little one come home talking about the earth's hemispheres and which continents penguins might inhabit as well as the reason why...how cool!

We will also start basic addition equations. We like to use manipulatives in class to encourage equation writing and to reinforce the whole concept of addition. A great way to reinforce this at home is to have your child count small items and add them together. Cereal, raisins...even candy ☺ all make great tools for adding! The kids are very interested in the addition and equal signs...the more practice and exposure they receive, the more comfortable and confident they will become using addition in their everyday life!

Please continue to develop your child's love of reading by reading daily with them. During your reading minutes include time to practice sight words and book bags. It's a great way to vary your time. Thanks!

Important Tidbits

- **No School January 21st, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
- *It's cold...please remember to have your kiddo wear a warm coat!*

Penguin Day!

Friday, January 25th

Please let your child come dressed in black and white to school to celebrate the end of our penguin unit! We will celebrate all that we've learned and walk around in a kindergarten parade through the school...*what fun!*

