



# Kindergarten

## News

PS 140Q Edward K. Ellington School

**JANUARY 2017**

### HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017!

Happy New Year! We hope you have enjoyed your winter break and have completed the homework packet that was given. We have 6 more months until the end of the school year and we still have a lot more to learn!

#### GO MATH

In January we will begin the chapter on representing and comparing numbers 1-10 using the terms “greater than”, “less than”, and “equal to”. Then we will begin learning operations in numbers to 10. Children will understand addition as putting together and adding to, and subtraction as taking apart and taking from. They will use manipulatives to solve word problems with addition and subtraction.

#### READYGEN

Students will identify main topic and key details from various informational texts. They will identify different environments and their inhabitants. They will then create a representation of an environment that they know about. Students will also be able to write, draw and tell about life “then and now”

#### FUNDATIONS

In the new year students will be jumping into Unit 2 of Foundations. They will learn more phonemic awareness skills while continuing to tune into the separate sounds in the word. Students will build on what they have learned about identifying the first and last sound in a word and will begin to identify blend and segment the middle sounds as well. In addition, students will review uppercase letters A-Z, and they will also use letter boards and tiles to practice alphabetical order.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 16 (Mon.) - Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
**NO SCHOOL**

### UNIT THEMES



#### FUNDATIONS

- Blending, segmenting and manipulation of sounds.
- Reading short vowel words. (map, sad, rat)
- Upper case letters
- Alphabetical order.
- Story prediction

#### ELA

- Living Together: This is Home
- Environments
- Naming a topic & Main idea and key details.

#### SCIENCE

- Exploring Properties: observe and describe objects and their physical properties

#### SOCIAL STUDIES

- Geography, people and the environment.
- What makes a community?

#### MATH

- Represent and compare numbers to 10.
- Addition/ Subtraction within 10

### Parent Tip

At this point in the year your child should be able to identify all upper and lowercase letters, and the sounds associated with them. Help them use these sounds to write words independently. Assist them to write sentences by stretching out the sounds they hear as well as using the sight words they already know. When writing sentences be sure that your child uses spaces between words, adds a punctuation mark at the end of each sentence and correct them if they use uppercase letters randomly.

## ☆ Be Involved ☆

**Pupilpath:** is a school management system to provide snapshots parents. \*If you have not already done so, please sign up!!

**MyOn:** Reader is an on-line digital library that our students have access to from any computer or Smartphone.

**Mathletics:** It is an online program to, help students enjoy math and improve their results. Mathletics covers the full Kindergarten math curriculum.

**i-Ready:** i-Ready adapts to each student, providing easier or harder questions depending on students' answers to previous questions to help teachers understand the root causes behind student challenges

### **More Resources (Free Websites):**

ABCya.com: Practice math and reading skills while playing games

Starfall.com: Practice phonic skills with read-along stories

Storylineonline.net: Favorite stories read by movie stars.

## Dismissal Reminder

Dismissal is at 2:20 p.m.

School starts at **8:20 AM**. When you are late it affects your child's learning and delays instruction

**PLEASE BE ON TIME TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD!**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



K-124  
None

K-127  
None

K- 125  
None

## GYM DAYS

Students should wear sneakers on gym days, as follows:

**K-124: Monday**

**K-125: Thursday**

**K-127: Friday**



## NOTES



★ Please make sure your child is reading every night and completing the reading log.

★ Read the Foundations Support Pack. Not only does it keep you informed about what we are doing but it provides valuable suggestions on how to help your child.

★ Practice reading and writing the sight words with your child every night.

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