

Weekly Newsletter - Mrs. Papczun - klulrich-pap@cps.edu Week of February 5-9, 2018

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 What's happening this week ★ THEME: penguins ★ LITERACY: journaling, writing, strategies for when you don't know words ★ MATH: subtraction, measurement ★ SCIENCE: Emperor penguins ★ SS: Where in the world are our friends from 104? ★ SOCIAL EMOTIONAL: Calm classroom daily, Second Step lesson on self-talk ★ Star's (class pet) schedule and expectations 	 What's coming up soon ★ Wed, February 7, 9a- Coffee with Principal ★ Fri, February 9- Donations needed for classroom activities (see back) ★ Tues, February 13- PTO meeting ★ Wed, February 14- Be Extra Kind Day in class (see details on back) ★ Mon, February 19- No School ★ Wed, February 21, 4:30-7:30p- Black History Celebration (see flyer that came home for list of events) ★ Fri, February 23- Monthly Birthday celebration Wednesdays are Ray Spirit Day! Wear green and
	any Ray gear!
SIGHT WORDS OF THE WEEK: away, by, want PAST SIGHT WORDS: what, with, it, said, come, us, he, she, was, play, go, here, and, are, to, do, all, me, a, is, l, like, can, see, the, big, little, in, up, down, we, have, be, look, at, my, eat, run, as, for, you, am, on, of, they	 Regular Reminders: Monday and Friday mornings have the extra teacher prep time Special teachers dismiss each day at 3:45p Homework packets go home on Mondays and are returned on Fridays (please don't send them early) Please clear folders nightly (it's ok to keep the homework packet in there)
 What's happened already We learned penguins don't only live on the South Pole but also live in places like the Galapagos Islands! 	February Birthdays will be celebrated on Friday, February 23! A letter will go home with students who have February birthdays.

"When I say to a parent, 'read to a child', I don't want it to sound like medicine. I want it to sound like chocolate. " — Mem Fox

More things to note...

VALENTINE'S DAY- Wednesday, February 14

Some parents have inquired as to how we will celebrate Valentine's Day. We will dub it **"Be Extra Kind Day"** and students MAY bring a small valentine for EVERY student (25) but you do not have to. You may put your child's name on them to say who they are from, but please do not address the "TO" part so that we can ensure everyone has one. *Please do not send any container or mailbox*. *Please do not send any sweets*. We will decorate paper bags together to collect our "Be Extra Kind" messages as a class. We will find sight words on message hearts as well.

DONATIONS needed by FEBRUARY 9 for classroom activities, please consider helping if you can!

- 3 bags of candy conversation hearts
- 5 bags of heart marshmallows
- 3 boxes of toothpicks

SPARE CLOTHES AT SCHOOL!

Please ensure your child has a set of spare clothes at school in their cubby. If you're not sure, just email and ask! This becomes extremely helpful when there are the inevitable bathroom accidents with kindergarteners. Thank you!

Parent Volunteer Opportunities:

If any parent is interested in volunteering to support the classroom, I have identified some needs. You can email me at <u>klulrich-pap@cps.edu</u> to set up the details. Any efforts are much appreciated!

Where in the world are our friends from 104?

We received a lovely postcard from Ms. Weidler in Germany! She misses the students and sends her love. We also heard from Ayla, who is spending some time in Morocco; she checked in by email. We didn't get to say goodbye to Ayla as her last day was before I knew it, and some of the students still made her cards. I took photos and emailed them to her. Her mother wrote back and said that she was so happy to hear from her friends and misses them! It made her feel loved to see the cards and to keep in touch.