

## Kindergarten Newsletter

*January 15, 2010*

### Reading:

This week in Reading, we began our two week unit on penguins. So far, we have done a KWL chart to organize what we know, want to know and then what we have learned about penguins. Some penguin facts are very interesting! Did you know that male Emperor Penguins make a food in the back of their throat for the chicks called Penguin's Milk? We learned how to be responsible "penguin parents" by taking care of our own eggs.

We will continue to write, read and learn about penguins next week.

### Treasure Book:

Our treasure book this week was called The Emperor's Egg. In this book, we learn of the hardships and lives of the Emperor Penguins. It tells of the hard winters that the penguins endure and how fragile the eggs are in the extremely cold weather in the Antarctic. The treasure this week is a gray feather.

Next week, we will read the fictional story of Tacky the Penguin. Tacky is an odd bird and different from all of the other "proper mannered" penguins, but he ends up saving himself and his friends from the hunters with his quirky behaviors.

### Math:

This week in math, we have reviewed ordinal numbers, counting by 2's, 5's, 10's and then putting the numbers in order from 1-20.

We have also introduced addition sentences and practiced adding with manipulatives.

Next week we will continue with penguin math activities.

## **Sledding:**

Sledding has begun at the noon recess for our classes. Each class has an assigned day to sled. Mr. Scarano's schedule is:

Monday - 1st grade  
Tuesday - (lunch recess) Kelzer (2:00 recess) 3rd grade  
Wednesday - (lunch recess) Redfearn (2:00 recess) 2nd grade  
Thursday - (lunch recess) Wurster (2:00 recess) 4th grade  
Friday - 5th grade

In order to sled, the children are required to have snow pants, boots, gloves or mittens, and a hat.

## **Miscellaneous:**

Homecoming is the week of January 25<sup>th</sup>. Look for information and dress up days to come.

If your child is sick, please keep them home.

A note from G.E.A.R.:

Pre-k/Kindergarten basketball starts this Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at the Hanover Park District. It is from 9:00-9:50. If you have not signed up, you can still do so Saturday morning.

**No School Monday January 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**Please return the report card if you have not done that.**

**January snacks can come in at any time.**

*Have a great weekend!*

*Mrs. Kelzer, Miss Redfearn & Mrs. Wurster*