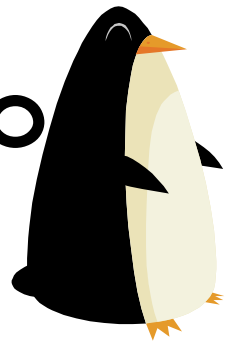




# Welcome to January



Theme's: Epiphany, Penguins, Winter

Welcome 2012!

Well, the break sure went fast, but was extremely enjoyable! I hope you all had an amazing Christmas filled with much love, family and fun!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your kind words, and Christmas gifts. Your generous sentiments were very heartwarming, and certainly appreciated!

This month we will continue to practice patterning, counting, printing numbers and we will even do some measuring! We will also start to remember and begin to print our last names and phone numbers. As we learn our letters and sounds, we are ready to listen to the sounds we hear in words, and write the letters to attempt to spell SIMPLE words. Continue to use your home journal home for practice, have your child print three letter words that you tell them, such as bat, top, bug. In this notebook, your child can print words, letters, and sentences (with some sounding out help). This is a way to encourage your child to experiment with writing. Your child will be rewarded with a sticker and a GIANT hug! Keep up the super work parents! God Bless!

On another note: I am in need of any pictures from this school year that you are able to share. The Mac store has lost my home computer, and so I have lost my amazing pics from this year ☹. I am praying they find it, but am worried! Thankfully I had some individual pictures already printed, but am missing the group shots, special days and dino fieldtrip pictures (not to mention my own family pics!). If you have any, please let me know if you can help! Thanks

Also: We are in need of packages or wipes and large Ziploc bags if you are able to donate (especially those who may not have sent in supplies in Sept.). Thanks so much!

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### Thank-you...

To all of our parent helpers who have assisted us over the last four months, your efforts and time have been so appreciated! Thanks for the December hands, it made Christmas craft day and Polar Express Day so fun!

Thanks again for the Christmas gifts and warm messages. I feel so lucky to teach your child!

### Reminders...

- Please remember to send your child's library book back to school EVERY week!
- Please check the calendar for your child's show and share day.

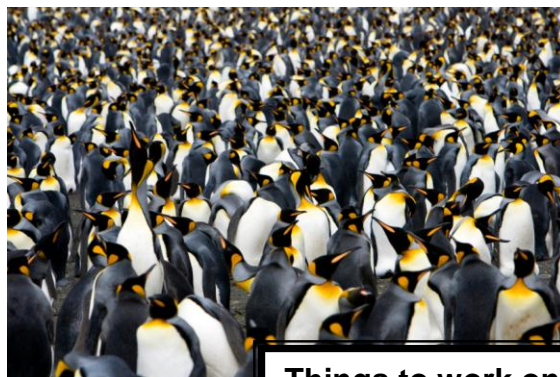
Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. It really helps if your child's mittens are water repellant, as they often get wet.

### Special Requests...

If you are able to make black, white, and orange play doh, please let me know.

We need parent helpers for Black and White day on Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>.

Just a reminder; please send a water bottle to school with your child each day. Thx



#### Things to work on at home....

- Practice printing your child's last name/phone#
- Practice reading your key words/letters.
- Practice reading your home reading books.
- Practice printing your numbers 1-10
- Practice writing in your home journals.