



## Cluster News Grade K 2019

### Technology with Mr. Jacobson or Ms. Fornataro

During the month of January, the kindergarten students will continue with the computer program *Pixie*. The students will work with the tools they've learned in *Pixie* and create slides based on the theme of Transportation. They will then put the slides into a slide show. The students are so creative! Remember to check our Portaportal for exciting websites!



### Music with Ms. Saunier

Welcome back and Happy New Year! For the month of January, students will be continuing to develop their understanding of musical pitch, which are the high and low sounds we hear in music. They are now able to sing a musical scale using "Do Re Mi Fa Sol La Ti Do," and will learn how to use these musical notes to play melodies and songs. We will be experimenting with fun instruments such as the xylophone, colorful boomwhackers and jingle bells!



### Art with Ms. Ally-Khan

During the month of January, kindergarten students will continue to work on a collage using a variety of geometric shapes. Students will practice cutting their own shapes and assembling them to create a "slice" of pizza. For this activity students will use scissors, glue and construction paper.

#### Suggested Books:

*The Little Red Hen Makes a Pizza*, by Philomen Sturges

*There's a Square: A Book About Shapes*, by Mary Serfozo



### Art with Ms. Parisi

In January, kindergarten students will create a family portrait painting. Students will participate in a read aloud of *Families*, by Rose Lorenzo. Students will then draw a portrait of their family, and these drawings will be outlined in crayon. Students will then experiment with painting by using tempera cakes to paint their portraits. Check out Mrs. Parisi's teacher page on the P.S. 108 website. Please be sure to look at the menu for extra credit assignments that can be completed and handed in to Mrs. Parisi for extra credit in art.



### Art Tip

Check out #metkids by The Metropolitan Museum of Art for an interactive children's guide to the museum.

<http://www.metmuseum.org/art/online-features/metkids/>

## Dance with Ms. Charles

The kindergarten students will be creating Ribbon Dances to celebrate the upcoming Chinese New Year. The children will be learning about different pathways and will identify the pathways as circular, straight, curvy or zigzag. The children will use different body parts to show these pathways, and they will use their knowledge of pathways when traveling through space. The children will then use the pathways that they've learned to create Ribbon Dances.

Supporting Dance Education at Home: Ask your child to trace the pathways that they've learned in the air with their finger.



## Physical Education with Ms. Klein, Ms Acquaviva and Mr. Veltre



During the month of January, the focus for Kindergarten students will be the Cooperative Games Unit. The purpose of a Cooperative Games Unit is to foster teamwork and cooperation and to incorporate sports skills in a novel way. In addition, Cooperative Games also gives the students a chance to work cooperatively with a group toward a common goal, which is to develop a positive relationship and learn to respect fellow students. Cooperative Games reinforce spatial awareness, direction awareness, which is the ability to move in a variety of directions such as forward, backward, and sideward, and awareness of pathways, which is the route one would take to get from one point to another. Some of the games we'll be playing include Freeze Tag, Duck, Duck, Goose, Builders and Bulldozers, Hungry Hungry Hippo, Shark Tag and possibly a few others. Finally, a Cooperative Games Unit improves communication and decision making skills, challenges students to think of and use strategies, and incorporates skills such as leadership, teamwork, and trust. Most importantly, it emphasizes participation and challenges the student to think outside the box.

## Physical Education FYI

\*\*\*Important note to parents

On the day your child has Physical Education, please send an extra bottle of water with them on that day. The children need to drink plenty of liquids so they can stay hydrated while doing physical activities. Thank you.

## STEM with Ms. Schock



For the month of January, kindergarten engineers will continue to focus on problems they can solve relating to seasonal changes. They will help snowmen at night by creating a sled for them to ride, help a bear create a hibernation station, and help a penguin cross the Arctic Ocean.