



Reminders

- 25 Book Campaign is every Friday.
- Please remember to read and respond to the story. Please make sure your child's name is on his/her response sheets, and the completed sheets and log are kept in the book report folder.

Character Trait of the Month

Our character trait for this month is **self-discipline**. **Self-discipline involves setting personal goals, achieving them, and making good choices.** It is an important skill that teaches children to take ownership and to be accountable for their actions and behaviors.

Special Messages

PS 108 has an Instagram account 😊

Please follow us @
ps108qcaptain to learn all about the fun and engaging learning that takes place daily!

What We Are Learning In Kindergarten!

Math

This month, we will be learning about numbers and operations. Students will be able to represent, relate, and work with whole numbers using sets of objects. We will create algebraic equations, which are number sentences (Ex. $1+3=4$). We will learn new vocabulary words including: **add**, **plus**, and **is equal to**. During this unit, students will understand addition as putting together and adding to. As you work with your child at home, encourage him/her to think about the various ways he/she can create sums. For example, the number 5 can be created by adding $0+5$, $1+4$, $2+3$, $3+2$, $4+1$ or $5+0$. Encourage your child to find the hidden partners using the language "1 plus 6 is equal to 7" or, "I can add 1 to 6 and that will be equal to 7." You can use concrete materials at home to practice addition. For example, taking 3 cards and adding 2 books to them. When you add these two groups together you get the sum of 5. While meal prepping and cooking you can use addition when adding ingredients together or making a meal.





Important Dates

School will be closed:

Monday, December 24 to
Tuesday, January 1st.

School will reopen on

Wednesday, January 2nd.

Monday, January 21st:

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day-No School

Social Studies

During the month of January, students will continue to learn about celebrating our culture. We will learn about the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and what it means to have freedom. We will focus on how our similarities and differences make our country special. Ask your child to share what he/she has learned about this remarkable historical figure!

Literacy-Math Connection

One of our literacy lessons discusses food, specifically apples. We will participate in an apple taste test, trying out different types of apples (red, yellow and red). We will discuss which apple was our favorite and then put our class data into a graph. After we graph, we will identify which apple was the class favorite, which was the least and learn that graphs are important because they tell us information!

What We Are Learning In Kindergarten!

Literacy-This month in literacy students will be learning all about food. We will begin discussing different foods that we eat and students will gain an enduring understanding of how we can make and enjoy different kinds of food with our friends and family. We will also continue to learn new letters and their sounds, as well as new sight words. New sight words we will be focusing on are: **favorite, eat, with, play, jump, have, if, for, come, fun, they.** The new letters we will be learning are: **K, U, G, W, Qu, X, V.** Please continue reviewing sight words and letters that have been taught.

Writing- This month in writing, we will focus on narrative writing using our sight words. Students will continue to write about a variety of familiar and relatable topics including family memories and helping out at home. As the students write, we will continue to focus on important components of writing. These components of writing include using capital letters to start our sentences, using spaces between our words, and using punctuation to end our sentences. Additionally, the students will continue to work on associating letter sounds to the correct letters to help support stretching out their words while writing. To promote sight word growth the students will continue to use word walls as a tool to support them in their writing. You can help support their growth by practicing reading and writing sight words, and by helping them stretch out letter sounds while writing!