

Piney Ridge Elementary School
KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER
February 2012
“Building the Future Together”

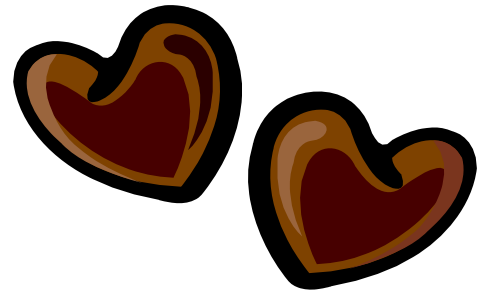
CALENDAR

- February 1 – Report Cards and data binders sent home
February 1-3- Send in 100th day collections. Projects must be sent in by the 3rd, but if your child is finished early they may bring them in.
February 3- 100th day of school! (If there are no snow days)
February 6 – Please send in a \$0.45 postage stamp
February 6 – Send in Valentines for class if participating (must be in by the 14th)
February 10– Two hour and 45 minute early dismissal
February 14 – Valentine’s Day Celebration, Valentine Color Day
February 20 – President’s Day, No school
February 21 - No School for students

UNITS

In February, Kindergarteners will be studying:

- Ground Hog Day
Dental Health
Valentine’s Day
President’s Day
100th Day
African American History
Numbers relationships 1-20
Counting to 100



WEATHER

- Please be sure to label your child’s winter clothes. We find many mittens, hats, scarves, and even coats that nobody claims.
- Your child needs to be able to zip or button his/her coat. If your child is having difficulty, please have them practice and become independent with these skills.

INCLEMENT WEATHER (Delays/Early Dismissal)

Announcements made regarding school opening/closing can be heard on WTTR (Westminster), WHVR (Hanover), WBAL, WCAO, WCBM, WFMM, WFBR (Baltimore), WFMD, and WZYQ (Frederick) no later than 6:45 am. If the weather conditions are such that the opening of schools might be delayed one (1) hour or more, that notification will be made by 6:45am, and through the same stations as for the closings.

On delayed opening days, kindergarten will eat lunch from 12:30-1:00.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the cards, and stickers. We appreciate your help.

DONATIONS

Please send in tissues, glue sticks, and seasonal stickers. We appreciate your help.

SPECIAL SNACKS

Our Special Snacks for February are:

- 2/3 – 100th day celebration snack, unless we have a snow day cancellation before then.
- 2/14 – Valentine’s Party (Valentine’s Day Cookies, conversation hearts, Hershey’s Kisses, and pink lemonade)
- 2/28 – Healthy Dental Snack (baby carrots, celery sticks, ranch dressing, and milk)

VALENTINE’S PARTY

We will be sending home a class list for our Valentine’s party. Children may send in cards beginning February 6th. Many children have expressed an interest in sending Valentine’s cards to their classmates. We will be having our Valentine’s Day celebration on Tuesday, February 14th. Please send in your Valentines before that date if your child chooses to exchange cards.

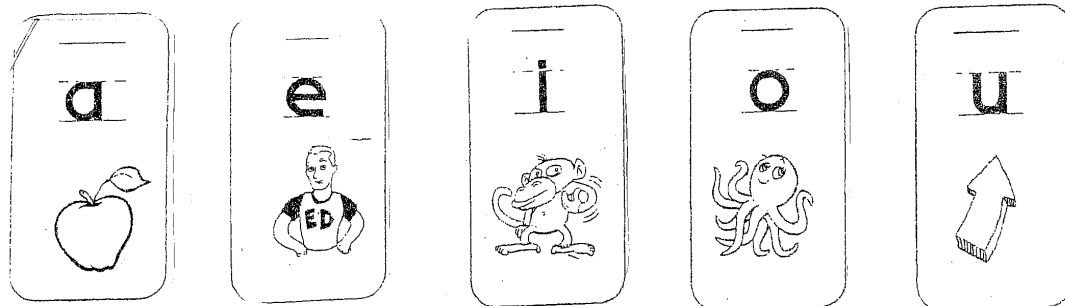
HOMEWORK

Kindergarten homework is meant to reinforce skills taught in school. Please make sure *your child* is doing the work. The child should be doing the cutting, writing, coloring, and sounding out independently.

It is o.k. for your child to write words according to the sounds heard. However, all sight words should be spelled correctly. If you feel the teacher will not understand the writing, feel free to write the correct spelling beneath your child's writing.

VOWEL SOUNDS

Below you will find the pictures that we use when teaching the students the short vowel sounds. Many children have difficulty with these sounds, especially confusing the e sound with the i sound. You can use these pictures to review at home, we will continue reviewing them throughout the year.



SIGHT WORDS

The sight words are again attached on the last page of the newsletter. Please keep practicing sight words at home with your child. They make a huge difference in fluency when reading.

FEBRUARY Sight Words:

Week of 1/30 – has, look

Week of 2/6 – come, little

Week of 2/13 – too, boy

Week of 2/20 – are, here

Week of 2/27 – for, but

the	of	and
a	to	in
is	you	my
at	am	an
do	like	no
up	he	said
go	me	see
I	we	can
it	so	on
this	have	girl
has	look	come
little	too	boy
are	here	for
	but	

