

Week Snapshot

Dear Family,

How does a penguin build it's house? Igloos it together. Penguins are birds that cannot fly. We will learn this fact as well as many others as we dive into the nonfiction book Penguins by Anne Schreiber. How does defining the unknown words help our understanding of the text? Could we have a penguin as a pet? Why or why not? We will be informing readers about penguins in our writing.

Vocabulary

- barb: Something pointy and sharp like a hook
- coast: Where land meets water
- colony: A group of animals that live together
- Equator: An imaginary line halfway between the North and South poles
- webbed: Connected by skin
- marine mammal: Have fur and give birth to live young, spend most of time in ocean

Poem of the Week

I'm a Little Penguin

I'm a little penguin

(Do a "penguin walk" in place.)

On the ice.

(Point down to the ground.)

I think cold is very nice.

(Wrap your arms around your chest and smile)

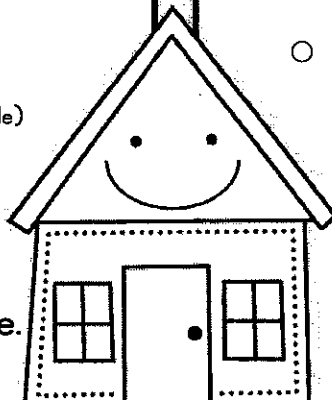
Then I hop around once,

then twice.

(Hop up and down.)

I think that ice is very nice.

(Nod your head and smile.)



Activities

Here are just a few activities you can do at home with your child this week!

- Waddle like a penguin and spell your sight words.
- Freeze water in a pan.

Practice sliding different objects on the ice to see if they slide or not.



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Week of the 23rd

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What We're Learning This Week:

- *Phonics focus: short vowels
- *Sound patterns to review: ur, ir, er, ing, sh, th, ch, ar, or, ee, ea
- *Sight words: down, live, new, there
- *Math focus: counting by 5's, counting by 10's, numbers 20-29

Sight Words Learned:

Please practice reading these words at home:

**the, I, am, red, little, yellow, to, green, blue, a, is, like, orange, black, brown, pink, purple, white, we, for, have, my, he, with, look, she, me, they, of, are, see, you, do that, said, come, one, two, three, here, four, go, from, what, five, was, be, play, where, can, and, this, who, your, by, has, put, all, jump, when, or, over, went, find*

Important Dates:

- *Tuesday, Jan. 24th and Thursday, Jan. 26th - parent/teacher conferences 3:15-7:30
- *Tuesday, Feb. 7th - PTA meeting at 6:00 at RCPS



Reminders:

- *Ask your child to tell you the motion and sound for the sound patterns listed.
- *Please practice counting to 100 and recognizing numbers to 30 with your child. Traveling in the car is a great time to practice counting!