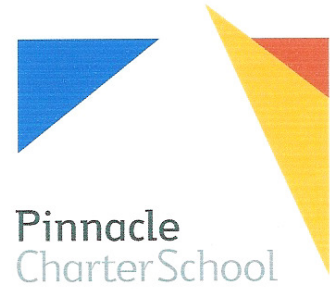


# K-1 News

## February



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### MONTHLY REMINDERS:



- **There is no school on Monday, February 21st**
- **The last day of the second trimester is Thursday, March 31st**
- **Cultural Celebration Week is February 22-25**
- **Don't forget to sign your child's behavior calendar each night!**



Now that it is boot season please remember to send your child to school with a pair of sneakers to wear during the day. Our class has Physical Education Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:40. Sneakers are a requirement.

## Math

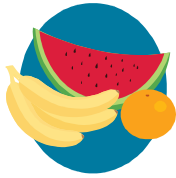
The students will be given a written test at the end of the second week of February on addition, subtraction, odd and even, tallies, writing numbers in a number grid, name collection boxes, and numbers that come before and after. Each child will also have to individually count up and down by ones, fives and tens, count up by twos and threes, read 2-digit numbers, count combinations of pennies and nickels, tell time to the hour, measure to the nearest inch, and show hops on a number line and a number grid.

After the test they will continue to work on addition and subtraction. They will also review basic 2-dimensional shapes such as circles, squares, rectangles, triangles, trapezoids, rhombuses, and hexagons. They will learn about the concept of symmetry– cutting an object into equal halves. A great game you can play with your child to help practice addition and subtraction facts is top-it. Read the directions below and play either version with your child!

### Addition/ Subtraction Top-it

1. Get a deck of cards. Pull out the jacks, queens, kings, aces and jokers. Shuffle the deck and put the cards face down in a pile.
2. Each person takes two cards from the top of the pile. If you are playing addition top it you add the two numbers together and the person with the highest sum gets the cards. If you are playing subtraction top-it you subtract the smaller number from the larger and whoever has the largest difference gets the cards.
3. When the entire pile has been used each player counts their cards. Whoever has the most cards is the winner.





## Theme of the Month: Healthy Choices

### Long Ago vs. Today

The theme for the month of February is Healthy Choices. Students will be learning about how their bodies work, how germs are spread and the food pyramid. We will review the 5 senses (hearing, seeing, feeling, tasting, and touching) that they covered in Kindergarten. Students will then learn strategies to help them make healthier choices like exercising, washing your hands more often or choosing more fruits and vegetables. They will learn about the different food groups and how to sort foods into the groups.



## Writing

This month the students will be working on organizing their writing. There should be a clear beginning, middle and end when they are writing stories. We will spend time discussing what makes bold beginnings, mighty middles and excellent ending. They will be using connecting words such as: and, but, so, first, then, next, later, and finally. The students will examine books that are excellent examples of organization. Some books that have great organization that you could check out of the public library and discuss how their organized are: The Magic Fan by Keith Baker, I Ain't Gonna Paint No More! by Karen Beaumont, Dear Mr. Blueberry by Simon James, and Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon by Patty Lovell.

## Spelling Words

This month some of the students will be getting 8 spelling words while some still have 5. The first two weeks of February we will finish up the short vowel word families with the letter /u/. The spelling words will then focus on consonant combinations like sc, sk, sp, sm, sl, cr, dr, gr, br, and tr. Please continue to practice your child's spelling words at home with them and celebrating with them when they do well on their test!

## Please Help!

Cold season has taken a major toll on our supply of tissues. If you are able, please send in one or two boxes of tissues to last us until the end of the school year.



## FYI...

March will be a very busy month. Pinnacle will be participating in the Red Cross Penny Drive. Children will be able to bring in pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters to help the Red Cross.

**Spring Picture day is Tuesday, March 15th.** Students do not have to wear their uniform that day.

The **Annual Science Fair is March 24th.** Even though K-1 students do not enter the Science Fair, there are numerous science activities for the children to participate in and they can see examples of the types of projects they will be doing when they get older.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences will be Friday, April 1st.** It is required that each parent meet with their child's teacher once a year to discuss their child's progress. If you did not attend conferences in December, you need to come in April.

