

January 23rd, 2017

Dear Families,

Last week was an exciting penguin filled week of school. The students enjoyed going outside and learning about penguins. We pretended to huddle in groups, carry eggs on our feet, and waddle like penguins. In class, we are learning more about penguin biology and behavior. This week in school we are also beginning our spelling program. We will be teaching the students the most common words in the English language. These are the very common sight words that make up the majority of all print (examples: and, is, to, the). Next, week the words we learn this week will be for homework.

This Friday is Winter Sports Day. We could still use the help of a few volunteers to come and lead a group of students around a variety of outdoor winter games. In the morning class, we will be heading outside around 10:40 and will stay out until the end of the morning (11:45). The afternoon class will be in and out of class for the whole afternoon with the rest of the school. Please let your child's teacher know if you are able to volunteer.

For homework this week, the students will practice their final graphemes 'y' and 'z'. For the grapheme 'y', it actually makes 4 sounds. The first is as a consonant and is the first sound in the word yellow. The other sounds are as a vowel and are the middle sound in the word gym, the last sound in the word my and the last sound in the word baby. Finally, for the grapheme 'z', the sound is the first sound in the word zebra. The graphemes for review this week are: z, y, i, qu, and g. Due to Winter Sports day, the grapheme review and homework return will be on Thursday.

Reminders:

- January 27 – Winter Sports Day
- January 31 – Report Cards go home
- February 3 – PD day, no school
- February 16 & 17 – Teacher's Convention, no school
- February 20 – Family Day, no school
- February 22 – Trip to Telus Spark

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
- In the blue notebook complete <u>half</u> a page, printing the grapheme 'y'.	- In the blue notebook complete <u>half</u> a page, printing the grapheme 'z'.	- In the blue notebook complete <u>half</u> a page, printing the grapheme 'qu'.	<u>Grapheme Review</u> - Return homework in homework folder.	Winter Sports Day!

Have a sporty week,

Mr. Rip and Ms. Enerson