

# Kindergarten Annex News - March 2017



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## Reading Workshop



Your child has been learning helpful reading strategies that he/she can use when they are reading their Just Right Books (books that are just right for them!) Below is a list of helpful suggestions that you can use when reading with your child:

### Readers

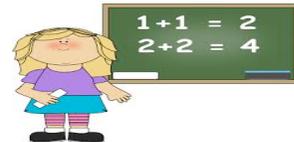
- use information from the cover to make a prediction about the story
- flip through the book and look at the pictures to gain clues as to what the story will be about
- use pointer finger to read each word
- use the pictures to help read unknown words
- look at the beginning sounds of words
- look at the ending sounds of words
- look for repeating word wall words
- pay close attention when reading to make sure it makes sense
- read the way you talk for better fluency
- identify characters
- identify setting
- retell story using their own words



**Writing Workshop** - We just launched our persuasive writing unit before Mid-Winter Break. In this unit your child will have the opportunity to voice their opinions and persuade others to side with them. They will be introduced to persuasive writing language, creating convincing arguments and giving reasons why. There are different ways to persuade. We will be making signs, writing letters, writing songs and making posters in order to express our opinions. Stay tuned and get ready to be persuaded.



**Math** - In math we are working on breaking apart or decomposing numbers through drawings and equations. We will continue to decompose numbers which will help us solve addition and subtraction number stories. We also have been working on having math talks to extend our math vocabulary. It is important that we continue to talk about math. Some ways you can do this at home is by asking questions like: What do you need to find out? Can you give an example? How did you get your answer? Do you have more or less? Are you adding or subtracting? How do you know? These questions will promote our problem solving skills.



Parent Teacher Conferences will be on Thursday, March 9, 2017. Dismissal will be at 11:20 am  
Conferences will be held from 1:00pm - 3:00pm and 4:30 pm -7:30pm

No School from Monday, April 10 to Tuesday, April 18. School will re-open on Wednesday, April 19th

The current Kindergarten benchmark for March in Reading is Level C (with a book introduction).

