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**What's Happening This Month
in Kindergarten**

Life in Kindergarten keeps getting busier and busier! Your children have been busy reading their "just right" books, finger pointing to each word, trying figure out tricky words and using the pictures to help them figure out the meaning of their books.

We will continue to work on reading strategies and comprehension skills, using "just right" books and our shared reading texts. During writing workshop we are beginning to introduce the children to "How-To Books." The children will write step by step directions along with illustrations that teach others how to do something (make a sandwich, brush teeth etc). This is an exciting writing unit. In Math as we finish up our shape unit by making 3-D robots, we will soon revisit Patterns by working with pattern trains and hopscotch paths. Toward the end of March we will begin an exciting unit, "Counting Ourselves and Others" which we will work on through April. In Social Studies we continue to learn about and explore families and special people. In April we will extend our school community study from the beginning of the school year to our neighborhood community and beyond. We have many fun trips planned to enhance and support this neighborhood study.



PBIS Corner

Students continue to work hard on being respectful, responsible and safe. They are learning new ways to earn Bee Cards, and have been trading in their Bee cards for special rewards from our school's reward catalogue. Students always look forward to "Reward Shopping."

Ways to Help Your Child at Home:

- *Have children practice telling step by step directions to carry out simple activities they know well. Have them teach you something this way!
- *Read and discuss storybooks together
- *Search for and create patterns with various materials. Make a hopscotch path outside.

Dates to Remember:

- 3/10- Bagel Bits: Art
- 3/16- Half Day, Parent Teacher Conferences
- 3/19- Music Sharing
- 3/22- Staten Island Ferry Field Trip
- 3/23- PTA Meeting 6pm
- 3/26- School Spirit Day: Silly Socks
- 3/29- 4/6- School Closed
- 4/7- School Resumes
- 4/13- Parent Workshop: Visual Arts
- 4/16- Bagel Bits: Poetry
- 4/20- PTA Meeting 8:30am
- 4/23- School Spirit Day: Go Green
- 4/26- Prospect Park Zoo Field Trip: Zoo Keeper Math