



ECP School Family Weekly Newsletter

Ms. Dorothy's AM and PM Classes

Week of January 13-17, 2020

What's coming up this week:

NO School on Friday (January 17, 2020: Barnes PLC/PD Day) or Monday (January 20, 2020),
Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Our Planned Themes: Polar Bears, Peace/Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Penguins

Featured Letter/Sound, Letter P sound /p/ as in "pop", The gesture for this sound is to move
index fingers up and down like "popcorn popping" while making the "P" (just lips together and blow,
don't add the vowel sound) Orthographic Letter Formation: Big line down, jump up, little curve.

Main Featured Books: Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear by Bill Martin, Jr. The Peace Book
by Todd Parr, Five Little Penguins Slipping on the Ice by Steve Metzger.

*School Wellness Refresher: Now that we're in the winter season, please remember the Barnes
School Health Policy. Please know that students need to be healthy in order to optimally function in
the school setting, in terms of their learning, socialization and behavior! Germs can travel quickly
and please know that some students have compromised immune systems. Fevers of 100 degrees or
higher, diarrhea, excessive oral/nasal congestion, unexplained rashes, discharge from the eyes,
ears or other body parts are all reasons for students to rest their bodies at home in order for a
healthy successful recuperation to take place. In the cases of a fever (as fevers can indicate
serious medical conditions): a child must be fully recovered before returning to the demands of
learning in the school setting; therefore, a child must have gone 24 hours with no fever or
symptoms (or medications that temporarily dampen fevers.) ** **Please See Handouts on Ms.
Dorothy's Hallway Board**

High School Helpers for January: Claire Cameron continues in the AM and Annie Fleming returns in
the PM! We are happy to welcome both young ladies back to our classroom!



Our Upcoming Week with plans and scheduled activities. Please know that unexpected/unanticipated changes could shift what we have scheduled.

Monday: Ms. Maribeth's Fine Motor Center/Group

Tuesday: **January Monthly Library Story Hour with Ms. Kathleen (1/14) and Weekly Music Class

Wednesday: Yoga with Ms. TJ; ART center in the classroom Project/Peace Plate, best to wear old clothes and easy slip on/off shoes.

Thursday: GYM, continue with Classroom ART, Wear Athletic Shoes for GYM!

Friday: NO SCHOOL 1/17 and MONDAY 1/20

****Due to current weather conditions, we will not be planning on outside recess in the foreseeable future.**

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday January 21, 2020: Kick off School-Wide Great Kindness Week

Wednesday January 22, 2020: Lockdown Drill at 2:15pm

Friday January 31, 2020: Lou's Pet Shop Assembly during our school day

Friday February 7, 2020: No School Barnes PLC Day

Friday February 14, 2020: Mid-Winter Break begins after school is dismissed.

Monday February 24, 2020: School resumes

Highlights from last week: D week: We had loads of fun painting with dinosaurs, reading Dinosaur Roar by Paul and Henrietta Strickland, Don't Push the Button, by Bill Cotter, and NO David! by David Shannon. The PM class began their drawing journals. We'll work in them every week; drawing pictures about our favorite ideas. The Drawing journals will go home when school is out in June. Both classes earned 10 Big 100% Classroom Buddy Bucks and a special celebration snack. The special celebration snack was all-fruit popsicle bars. Classes earn 100% Buddy Bucks when everyone makes a good choice at the same time. We are also continuing to work on walking up and down the stairs safely and learning our left and right hands.

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January 2020 Star Schedule. Please notify Ms. Dorothy if there is an error on this schedule. If you know in advance that your child will be absent on his/her Star Day, you can ask another parent to switch with you or please notify Ms. Dorothy. Please keep your child's show and tell item in his/her backpack. Your child brings his/her backpack into the classroom on his/her Star day. Please ask for the backpack at the end of class. The Star is invited to do special classroom jobs throughout the school day.

Monday January 13: Lilian and Tripp

Tuesday January 14 Johnny and Campbell

Wednesday January 15: Matthew and Will J.

Thursday January 16: Vinnie and Greyson

Friday January 17: NO School; Barnes Staff PLC/PD

Monday January 20: NO School: Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday January 21: Isaac and Cassidy

Wednesday January 22: Benjamin and Walter

Thursday January 23: Luca and Margo

Friday January 24: Johnny/Birthday and Emily

