

**\*\*Good morning Parents! I apologize for sending this so late, I completely forgot to get it to all of you on Friday. I know the deadline for book orders said last Friday, but I am extending it until this Friday since I sent home a few more last week. Again, I apologize for the delay!\*\***

Happy Friday Parents,

Short week, but nothing short about our learning and fun here in room 5!

We continued our exploration of penguins this week. Ask your child about the penguin eggs they made! Next week, we will be waddling around school all day with them on our feet to REALLY put ourselves in a penguin's shoes. We also started our new chapter book, Mr. Popper's Penguins and everyone seems pretty eager to "get to the part where we see the penguins!" Your child's book version of Esio Trot was sent home today. See if your child can read it to you over the weekend!

You parents rock! Because of all of you and our super successful grab-bag last month, your children CANNOT wait to take out their math games! This week, we started learning how to play Yahtzee. Just as we did with Qwixx, we began slowly. A step or two a day, depending on how complex each step may be. It's our new favorite! Are you playing math games at home? Grab a deck of cards and play WAR!

Considering the weather this week hasn't been too recess friendly, we have been spending some extra unwanted time in the classroom. Instead of going stir crazy indoors, we made the best out of it by becoming mad scientists! On Tuesday, we made our own snow! Our first mixture was 1/2 cup hair conditioner and two cups baking soda. The second mixture was corn starch and shaving cream until it mixed well enough together. It was pretty interesting to touch the different consistencies and play around with them. I then brought in some REAL snow for us to compare and contrast with. Surprisingly though, they did not want to play with the real stuff! They preferred the cool, soft, nice smelling hair conditioner snow, and fluffy, room-temperature shaving cream snow over the real stuff that was too cold and apparently rocky! We continued this experiment on Wednesday and Thursday by making it part of our morning challenge. Wednesday, we wrote our predictions about what happened to each snow when left out overnight (I covered all three with a box). Everyone, including myself, was pretty surprised just how dirty the real snow turned out to be when it melted! For Thursday's morning challenge, I mixed all three together and we made predictions about what our NEW mix would be like! A few of our predictions included "a bath bomb", "real snow", "mush", and "slimey stuff".

Reminders:

- Book orders are due today.
- Weather permitting, we will continue to go outside. Please make sure your child has appropriate winter weather gear.

That's all folks! Have a fabulous weekend and don't forget, read some books together:)

-Ms. Anna