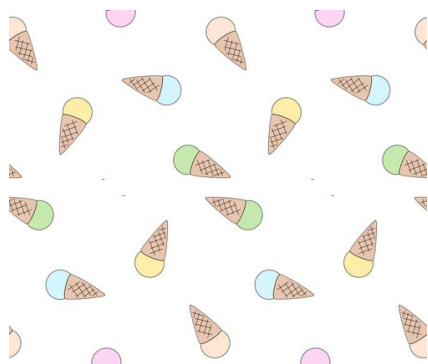


HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

Miss Lauren	1/1
Miss Sandy	1/4
Benjamin Khantses	1/8
Mila Shah	1/8
Gabriel Oistacher	1/11
Sophia Theodoropoulous	1/12
Luke DaSilva	1/13
Brooke Zeifman	1/13
Courtney Zeifman	1/13
Marrea Polechronis	1/15
Isabella Shin	1/15
Jax Levy	1/19
Chase Koenigsberg	1/22
Gemma Valls	1/22
Ella Magan	1/24
Marley Gick	1/26
Brooke Steinberg	1/26



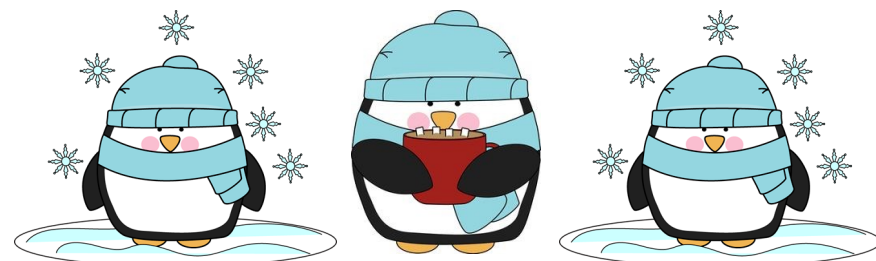
Upcoming Events at Pierce:

JANUARY

1/2	Holiday Break: No School
1/3	School Resumes
1/9	Anna Kravis (puppet show) @ 10AM
1/16	No School: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
1/17	41FD: Dentist Trip @ 10AM
1/19	42FD: Dentist Trip @ 10AM
1/20	Music for Aardvarks @ 9:30AM
1/24	41Q: Dentist Trip @ 10:30AM
1/26	42Q: Dentist Trip @ 10AM
1/30	3's & 4's: The Ugly Duckling & Tortoise and the Hare (Tilles Center) @ 10:30AM
1/31	31Q: Dentist Trip @10AM

FEBRUARY

2/15	Winter Olympics
2/20-24	School Closed: Winter Break
2/27-3/10	Family Breakfast Week



From the Desk of Mr. Neal

PROGRESSION WITH PIERCE

It is quite a jump from Toddler to Pre-Kindergarten. It is also so hard to believe that our youngest students become so much more mature as they progress in three years. After watching a holiday performance from our 4 year olds it is impossible not to remember when they first came here as children who had to think about how they would get from one place to another.

In the Toddler classes children first learned how to separate from parents as we began the school year. We worked on social skills and how to share table toys with one another. "Use your words" is something we hear throughout the Toddler and Three year old classes as well. When any sort of an injustice has happened or when a friend is not sharing that is how we will commonly ask children to react. Two year olds must learn how to clean up after play time and how to sit and listen to some extent. They will learn to form a line with the help of a rope with handles. Our teachers will help children start to learn bathroom training. There are lots of strategic missions to cover for 2 year olds.

Our Nursery or Three year olds get into routines in the first few months of school. They have a real sense of how most days follow a set pattern. Children learn how to navigate arrival to calendar time to circle time where discussions of topics take place. Three year olds are able to

have organized learning experiences and retain lots of information. Tracing letters, listening to stories and enjoying the many holidays we celebrate is just the beginning of our fun. We are able to count, participate fully in gym and music as well as perform for our parents. Lots of art projects are produced and children begin to understand how to become independent learners. Our 3 year olds also learn patience as well as how to take turns.

Pre-Kindergarteners become actual students. We have them learn how to write and sound out all the letters. They learn some elementary mathematical concepts. We continue teaching 21st Century Skills that involve effective communication, kindness, eye contact, turn taking, self-control, flexibility, adaptability, collaboration and lots of respect. We help to encourage children to be quite self-sufficient. They take out their pencil boxes and are ready to manage some of their own responsibilities. They share crayons and markers as they create their masterpieces. Fine and gross motor skills have become much more refined as they have progressed through the years. We always know how to raise hands instead of calling out. We are learning lots of pre-reading skills and some of our students will actually be reading at the end of the school year. We'll add some science and nature to the mix. We have fun growing with Pierce Country Day School.

Welcoming the New Year with ...

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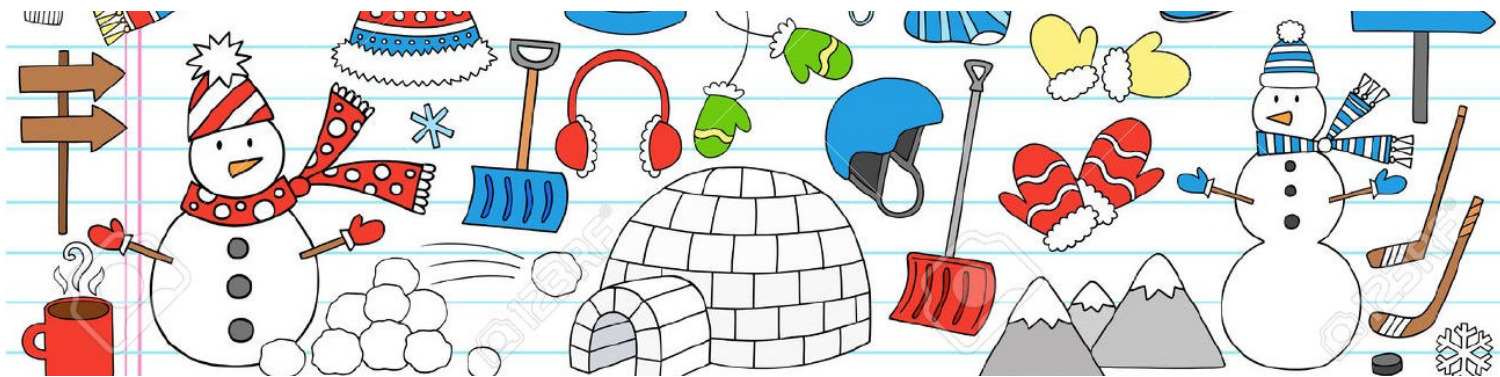
From the Classroom of Miss Anne, Miss Linda, and Miss Kelly.

The year is flying by and your children are growing in leaps and bounds. They are making great academic and social strides. This class is a very caring and kind group; they make us smile everyday!



We are busy finishing our secondary color books and our holiday projects. We work on letter recognition, letter sounds, and letter writing. We talk about making good choices and how to “use our brain!” But it’s the extra fun things that we learn about that make each day very interesting. This class wants to learn about volcanoes, orangutans, whales, tractors, different occupations and so many other things. It’s an absolute joy working with them! Have a wonderful holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year!

We look forward to exploring even more in 2017!



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