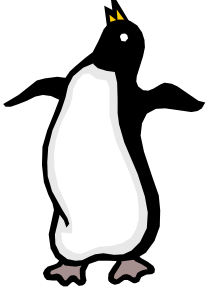
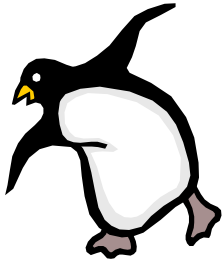


# January News

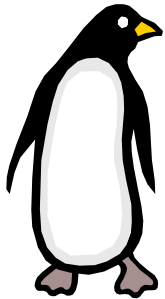
Happy New Year! We hope your holidays were full of family and the Joy of Christmas and that you enjoyed winter break.



This month we will be learning about the story of Noah and his ark, winter, the letters, I, J, K, and L the number 6, blue and rectangles. We will be focusing on animals for the next couple of months, so if your family has a special pet they would like to share with the class, please let me know so we can plan a time for special sharing.



The puppets are coming! Puppets Please will be at our school on Wednesday, January 10th at 10:30am. We will be having regular classes that day but, parents and siblings are welcome to come and watch the show. It is a very fun show! Also, I will be gone on January 18th and Mrs. Rogers will be helping Mrs. Wall that day.



Believe it or not it is time to think about Kindergarten for next year. The Shoreline School District will be hosting Kinderfest at the end of the month. All Shoreline Elementary schools will have kindergarten visitations and registration will begin the beginning of February. Other school districts will have registration dates soon. Please check your school district websites for more information. If you have any questions about kindergarten or your child's progress, I would be happy to answer your questions. Practice on those all important kindergarten skills is always helpful and I cannot stress enough how important name writing, letter and number recognition, scissor and pencil grip are for your little ones to grasp before kindergarten starts. We have worked on all of these skills already at school but practice at home will help tons. Also zipping those coats, snapping those snaps and getting dressed, using the bathroom independently is a good thing too! I will start on student evaluation soon and will share my findings by the end of the month and provide your family with some idea of what to expect for kindergarten next year.

Looking ahead, we have a few important dates on our calendar. We will have a special Valentine's Day snack on February 14<sup>th</sup> with no school February 20, 21, and 22 for Mid Winter Break, with classes start up again on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Remember to watch for weather updates for Shoreline schools!

Stay warm and enjoy the brisk winter days,  
Jana and Sari

