

Hello families,

The children have all had a great start to finding their name in our name chart that we introduced. We are also going to be adding their names above the hooks in our classroom and every class their name will be by a new hook. This will give the children more practice in recognizing their name and the letters in their name. There are many ways you can help with this at home but here a just a few:

- Make up a song or rhythm to sing the letters of their name
- Print their name on paper and have them trace their name with different colored crayons
- Cut the letters of their name out and have them practice putting them in order
- Use sugar/flour/salt on a tray and have them use their finger to write letters

This will be a short week for us at RNS as we are closed on Monday and Tuesday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day. On Wednesday and Thursday of this week, we will be making a penguin. The children will be given the same shapes, but each penguin will be completely different. Another project where the children's personalities really shine! We will learn some penguin facts, read a penguin book and do penguin fingerplays. On Friday we will make penguins out of the children's handprints.

This week a Scholastic Book order form was sent home in your child's bag. Our due date will be January 19<sup>th</sup> and our class code is RPPD7.

Mrs. Villone, Miss Maria and I hope you enjoy the rest of your long weekend!

Joan,

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Important Dates:

January 17<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day observed

January 19<sup>th</sup> – Scholastic book order due

January 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> – Spirit week

February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> – Picture make-up day

February 10<sup>th</sup> – Valentine's Day celebration T/Th class

February 14<sup>th</sup> – Valentine's Day celebration M/W and M/W/F class

February 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL - Winter recess