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Important Dates:

Feb.8th:Early Release 12:10

Feb. 10th: Bingo Night

Feb. 14th Valentine Party

( 9:15-10:15)

Feb. 20th President's Day

Feb. 27th: Penguin Open

House 12:30-2:00

Feb. 28 & 29th Evening

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## FEBRUARY'S NEWS

Ms. McNeil's First Grade

### The Antarctic adventure continues...

We are becoming such penguin experts! We have studied the rockhopper, the king, the little blue, the gentoo, the chinstrap and the emperor penguin. We have been learning so many interesting facts about penguins and Antarctica. We have been matching penguin weights with cans, measuring the height of each penguin, experimenting with water to get it down to 30 degrees (the actual temperature that penguins swim in), and playing penguin math games such as Help! A Skua and Old Orca Subtraction. We have been studying our graphic organizer of pen-

guin facts and going onto our penguin website to explore actual film footage of penguin colonies and penguin predators. We have been drawing and will soon paint our own life size penguins to display proudly on our bulletin board. We have also been using our knowledge of 4-Square writing to write our own books about each different kind of penguin. We have been learning to sing the Rockhopper Hop. We can't wait to share with you during Penguin Open House, **Monday, Feb. 27, from 12:30 a.m.-2 p.m..**

### KNOW YOUR DOUBLES!!

There are still a number of kids who do not know their doubles. Attached is a worksheet that you can use to copy and practice adding and subtracting doubles. It is printed on cardstock so that you can cut them out and use them as flash cards. Please help your child memorize these math facts so that they can use them as a strategy when doing computation.

