



WEEKLY LESSON PLANS • K-2

# February

*Winter Collection*

THIS MONTH

Penguins & Polar Bears • Your Amazing Body  
Letters & the Post Office • Friendship & Kindness

Reading, writing & math every day • 4 weeks • 20 school days



## WEEK 1

# Penguins & Polar Bears

**BOOK** *Tacky the Penguin* by Helen Lester, pictures by Lynn Munsinger

**POEM** "Mix a Pancake" by Christina Rossetti

**Heart of the week:** *Acceptance*. Tacky wasn't like the other penguins, and in the end his oddness saved them all. Everyone has a place.

|               | MON                                     | TUE                               | WED                          | THU                             | FRI                                         |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| MORNING TIME  | Read Tacky the Penguin + start the poem | Recite the poem + reread          | Recite the poem + reread     | Recite the poem + reread        | Recite the poem — celebrate it              |
| COPYWORK      | "Tacky was an odd bird."                | "Polar bears live in the Arctic." | "Penguin feathers stay dry." | "A penguin is black and white." | "Everyone has a place. + illustrate + sign" |
| TODAY'S EXTRA | Poetry                                  | World: pole to pole               | Science: waterproof feathers | Art: penguin from shapes        | Pancakes, a Walk & the First Letter         |

**Plus every day:** Reading (your own program, ~15 min) · Math (your own program, ~20 min) · a read-aloud in the afternoon.

**Gather once:** *Tacky the Penguin* (library) · white paper, crayons (especially white or yellow), a cup of water, and a spoon or dropper · a globe or map · black, white, and orange paper, glue, scissors (for penguins) · pancake ingredients for Friday

## Penguins & Polar Bears

### This week's poem

Mix a pancake,  
Stir a pancake,  
Pop it in the pan;  
Fry the pancake,  
Toss the pancake,—  
Catch it if you can.

Learn about two lines a day; recite together on Friday.

### Copywork, day by day

All copywork goes in the journal. **1st & 2nd:** write name + date at the top first. Teach it **I do** → **we do** → **you do** — write the line yourself, do one together, then let them go on their own. Level it: **K** a word or two • **1st** the line • **2nd** the line, then a sentence of their own.

**Mon** — Tacky was an odd bird.

**Tue** — Polar bears live in the Arctic.

**Wed** — Penguin feathers stay dry.

**Thu** — A penguin is black and white.

**Fri** — Everyone has a place. + illustrate + sign

### The daily extras

#### MON Poetry & Picture Study — 25 min

Reread the poem. Then look closely at Lynn Munsinger's pictures. *How can you tell Tacky apart from the other penguins? (Look at his shirt!) Find a page where the other penguins look annoyed and one where they look grateful.*

**Ready for more?** Draw Tacky in a different silly outfit.

**Teach it:** **I do** — say the first three lines, acting out the stirring. **We do** — say and act them together. **You do** — they say and act the first three lines on their own.

#### TUE Explore the World — Pole to Pole — 25 min

Pull out the globe.

- **Polar bears** live in the **Arctic**, around the **North Pole**: in Alaska, Canada, Greenland, Norway, and Russia.
- **Penguins** all live in the **southern half** of the world. Some live in icy **Antarctica**, but others live in South America, southern Africa, Australia, and New Zealand. One kind even lives on the **Galápagos Islands**, right near the equator!
- **So polar bears and penguins never meet in the wild.** They live at opposite ends of the Earth.
- Find where *you* live. Are you closer to the North Pole or the South Pole?

**Mrs. A's note:** "Polar bears up top, penguins down below" is an easy way to remember it.

**Teach it:** **I do** — find the North Pole on the globe and say "polar bears." **We do** — find the South Pole together. **You do** — they tell you why polar bears and penguins never meet.