

January 21, 2014

# Check out what's going on in Team 403 this week!

## In The Classroom

- ❖ In **math workshop**, we will begin to learn about mixed numbers and improper fractions and that both are different ways to write fractions greater than 1. Students will practice identifying and labeling models as well as drawing models to represent a given mixed number or improper fraction. They will also learn how to convert mixed numbers into improper fractions and vice versa.
- ❖ In **reading workshop**, we will continue to work small groups using reciprocal teaching. Students will take turns applying predicting, questioning, clarifying, and summarizing skills while reading a differentiated news article. We will also be reading Chapters 4-6 in Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH. Please note that students may be asked to respond to critical questions about the read aloud instead of their regular reading responses for homework on certain days.
- ❖ In **writing workshop**, students are on their way to publishing their second persuasive essay on whether or not students should be allowed to bring lunch from home. They will focus on making sure they cite text evidence (giving credit to the source) and write to a more general audience. To wrap up this writing unit, they will also start the final performance task later in the week.

## Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Wed. January 22**      **Parent Workshop on CCLS and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade State Tests (8:00-8:25am)**

## Announcements & Reminders

- ❖ Please continue to encourage your child to write reading responses and log their reading in the monthly log. I have noticed that some students are still reading different books at home from what they are reading in school. In order to finish books in a timely manner, they should be reading the same book both at home and in school so that they can write reading responses.
- ❖ **Studio in a School** – Students have just finished drawing and block printing buildings around New York. They will begin to work on the next project, which is to build a 3D model of a robot designed for a specific task. **Recyclables will be used and we are in the process of collecting them.** If you have any at home, please make sure they are rinsed before your child brings them in!
- ❖ Last year, the school was evacuated to the Good Sheppard Church during a power outage. To prepare us if an evacuation were to occur, the PTA is in the process of creating evacuation bags for each classroom. Please consider donating at [www.217pta.com/links](http://www.217pta.com/links) (under Amazon Wish list).

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to backpack a note to school or email me at [kho@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:kho@schools.nyc.gov)!

Thank you,  
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