

January 27, 2014

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

In The Classroom

- ❖ In **math workshop**, we will continue to work with mixed numbers and improper fractions, making sure they draw and label visual models to support their thinking. They will also be expected to clearly explain how to convert mixed numbers into improper fractions. Then, students will move onto adding and subtracting mixed numbers with like denominators within word problems.
- ❖ 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 6-8 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 will begin the final performance task for the persuasive writing unit. Over 4-5 days, they will be taking notes while watching two videos and reading two articles. Then using their notes, students will plan and draft their essays on whether or not standardized testing should continue in New York City. Keep in mind, they will not be expected to publish (rewrite) their piece, but instead write the essay as if they were taking the ELA exam and making revisions directly within their draft.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ Wed. January 29 State of the School meeting with Mrs. Beckman (8:40am)
- ❖ Mon. 2/10 – Fri. 2/14 Valentine Lollipop Fundraiser Week (run by the PTA)
- ❖ Wed. February 12 Half Day (Dismissal @ 11:38am)
- ❖ Fri. February 14 100th Day of School
- ❖ Mon. 2/17 – Fri. 2/21 No School due to Mid-Winter Recess

Announcements & Reminders

- ❖ We are spending additional time with drawing visual models, as it is important that students remember to clearly draw and label them to support their thinking. Since having labeled models differentiates level 3 work from level 4 work, please take time to remind your child is doing that on their homework as well.
- ❖ **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!

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!

Thank you,
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