

December 16, 2013

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

In The Classroom

- ❖ In **math workshop**, we will review the concept of the whole and how a fractional part can change when the whole changes using pattern blocks. Students will also continue adding and subtracting fractions with like denominators and begin working with equivalent fractions.
- ❖ In **reading workshop**, students will begin to plan for their essay on whether or not students should be allowed to bring lunch from home. They have spent the last week gathering text evidence to support their stance from multiple sources. After they have organized their main reasons with supporting details, they will learn how to cite and quote from those sources.
- ❖ In **writing workshop**, students will continue working on writing about the issue of whether or not homework should be banned. They will learn to use different types of transition words/phrases to make their writing sound smooth and to emphasize certain points in their arguments. This is particularly crucial in the body paragraphs of their essays.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Wed. December 18** **Half Day (Dismissal @ 11:38am)**
- ❖ **Fri. December 20** **Holiday Party (10:15-10:45am)**
- ❖ **Mon. Dec. 23 – Wed. Jan. 1** **Winter Recess (No School)**

Announcements & Reminders

- ❖ This is the last full week of school before Winter Recess! I know that families sometimes plan on going away earlier. Please notify me ahead of time if you have planned to go away earlier than Friday so that I can give your child the light packet of assignments to complete over Winter Recess.
- ❖ On Friday, we plan on having a mini celebration for the upcoming holidays before the additional period of Studio Art this week, but we need your help! To celebrate, students are encouraged to bring in food that reflects their culture or what they eat during the winter holidays. Parents are also welcomed to join us! Please **email Alexis (Max's mother) at alexiskandrews@gmail.com by Thursday if you plan on attending and bringing a dish.**

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,
Kelly Ho