

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

In The Classroom

- ❖ In **math workshop**, we will wrap up the unit on number sense and operations with a summative performance task and then begin the unit on fractions with an initial performance task. Students will also spend time reviewing foundational concepts of fractions (i.e., adding and subtracting fractions of like denominators).
- ❖ In **reading workshop**, students will continue gathering facts and taking notes on nonfiction passages and videos, but this time through a specific lens of a given topic (i.e., the issue of bringing lunch from home). They will work to understand that sometimes, passages will offer both sides of an issue, but it is still necessary for readers to form their own opinions on the issue.
- ❖ In **writing workshop**, students will continue working on writing about the issue of whether or not homework should be banned. They will learn what makes an engaging introduction and proper conclusion for a persuasive essay and then begin to draft them for their own essays. This will be the first persuasive essay that students will publish for this unit! (This unit was created with many mini-publications throughout. Don't worry! We will have a Publishing Party at the end of the unit.)

Upcoming Events

- ❖ Mon. December 9 Math Projects due
- ❖ Fri. December 13 Homework Party / Scholastic Book Orders due
- ❖ **Wed. December 18** **Half Day (Dismissal @ 11:38am)**
- ❖ Mon. Dec. 23 – Wed. Jan. 1 Winter Recess (No School)

Announcements & Reminders

- ❖ Thank you for the swift response on Class Dojo! As a class, we've decided that students who get 25+ points at the end of the week will be considered as "off the chart" and they will be able to pick from the prize cards. Also, please let me know if you have any issues of signing up or receiving reports. I will try my best to resolve the issues.
- ❖ The 3rd-5th grade teachers have decided that this month's Homework Party will be on this coming Friday! Please keep in mind that students who have gotten **two strikes** will not be able to attend their choice of activity. Instead, they will be asked to go to the "homework room" to make up any missing assignments.

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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