

February 24, 2014

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

In The Classroom

- ❖ In **math workshop**, we will review how to plot fractions on a line plot and solve problems based on the given data. We will also be reviewing previously learned concepts in the Fractions Unit, as students will have a math test on Wednesday. After the test, we will begin the next unit on Measurement with a review on telling time and solving word problems for the “starting time.”
- ❖ In **reading workshop**, we will continue to work in 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 11-13 in Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH as a class and work on story elements. In addition to guided reading and read aloud, we will spend certain reading workshops doing close reading on the Sugar Act.
- ❖ In **writing workshop**, we will continue researching and gathering notes for our informational article for the next two days. After the research process is complete, we will begin to plan and write portions of the body sections while thinking about which content specific vocabulary we should include and how to engage the reader.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ Mon. February 24 37.5 Minutes Round 4 starts
- ❖ **Thurs. February 27 Homework Party for Grades 3-5**
- ❖ Tues. March 11 Half Day (Dismissal @ 11:38am) and Parent Teacher Conferences
- ❖ Sat. March 15 Annual Auction @ Manhattan Park (party room), 6-10pm
- ❖ Tues. 4/1 – Thurs. 4/3 New York State ELA Test
- ❖ Mon. 4/14 - Tues. 4/22 Schools Closed due to Spring Recess

Announcements & Reminders

- ❖ In addition to the Math Test on Wednesday, students will also have a Social Studies Test for Chapters 3 and 4 (Early New York City & The Thirteen Colonies) on Friday. They will receive a review packet to complete that will help them study.
- ❖ Due to the hectic schedule of coordinating with multiple classes, we apologize that the Homework Parties have not been monthly, but instead before/after the long breaks. Students who have 2+ strikes will be assigned to the “Homework Room”. Other students will be given the option to pick which activity they would like to participate in by Wednesday.

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