

March 10, 2014

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

In The Classroom

- ❖ In **math workshop**, we will be working on composite figures (i.e., figures made up of rectangles and/or squares). Students will be expected to decompose these figures in order to find their area and perimeter. They will also continue to solve word problems that involve estimating area of irregular figures and finding the area of a path (e.g., subtracting a smaller rectangle's area from a larger rectangle's area, esp. when there are missing sides).
- ❖ In **reading workshop**, we will continue reviewing for the state exam using the Ready New York CCLS workbook. This week, students will be describing the characters, setting, events, and identifying the theme in literary texts. They will also work on different text structures, such as cause and effect, compare and contrast, and problem and solution. For read aloud, we will read Chapters 15-17 in Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH while working on story elements.
- ❖ In **writing workshop**, we will continue revising and editing our informational articles. Students will also be working in the computer lab to type up and format the text features using PowerPoint. Those who are behind in typing will be asked to type portions of their article at home. If that is the case for your child, please have .doc files sent to my email or uploaded on a thumb drive.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **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

- ❖ **Parent Teacher Conferences** – Slips with your assigned time were sent home last Friday. Please let me know if you have not received your time slot or if you have a conflict via email.
- ❖ **School Safety Campaign: Evacuation Bag Supplies** – Please consider donating at www.217pta.com/links, as these supplies will help to better prepare the students for an evacuation.
- ❖ **Reading Logs** – Please make sure that your child is logging in his/her March Reading Log daily. This is particularly crucial, as they are not expected to write reading reflections this month due to the review homework packets.

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