

March 17, 2014

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

## In The Classroom

- ❖ In **math workshop**, we will be revisiting line plots and starting the geometry portion of the unit. Students will be working on drawing and identifying points, line segments, lines, and rays. They will also using a protractor for measuring and drawing angles. In addition, students will have opportunities to practice previously learned standards for the upcoming state exam.
- ❖ In **reading workshop**, we will continue reviewing for the state exam using the Ready New York CCLS workbook. This week, students will be comparing accounts of the same topic, different points of view, topics/themes, and patterns of events in stories. They will also be able to identify the different elements of poems and plays.
- ❖ In **writing workshop**, we will continue revising, editing, and publishing our informational articles. Due to scheduling conflicts last week, students were in the computer lab for a short amount of time. As a result, we will be spending more time in the computer lab this week so that we can have our informational articles published by Friday.

## Upcoming Events

- ❖ Tuesday, March 25 Round 4 of 37.5 Minutes ends
- ❖ Thursday, March 27 Thursday Group for Math Academy ends
- ❖ Tues. April 1 Tuesday Group for Math Academy ends
- ❖ Tues. 4/1 – Thurs. 4/3 New York State ELA Test
- ❖ Mon. 4/14 - Tues. 4/22 Schools Closed due to Spring Recess
- ❖ Wed. 4/30 – Fri. 5/2 New York State Math Test

## Announcements & Reminders

- ❖ It was so great to chat with so many of you during Parent Teacher Conferences last Tuesday. If you have any questions about your child's report card or what was discussed, please let me know! Also, from speaking to some parents, I decided to post up the handout about the Common Core standards and the state exams from the last Parent Workshop in the "Blog" section of the class site ([teachingforcoffee.weebly.com](http://teachingforcoffee.weebly.com)) for easier access. Under that section, you will also find some anchor charts to help you better understand the work we are doing to prepare for the ELA test.
- ❖ **NYC School Survey** – PS/IS 217 hopes to have 100% responses from families. Please take the time to fill out the survey at [nycschoolssurvey.org](http://nycschoolssurvey.org) by April 11. Thank you to those who filled it out the paper version during Parent Teacher Conferences!
- ❖ **School Safety Campaign: Evacuation Bag Supplies** – Please consider donating at [www.217pta.com/links](http://www.217pta.com/links) for supplies that will help prepare the students for an evacuation.

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](mailto:kho@schools.nyc.gov)!

Thank you,  
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