

March 24, 2014

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

In The Classroom

- ❖ In **math workshop**, we will continue using a protractor for measuring and drawing angles. Students will also be identifying and classifying polygons by their characteristics (i.e., length of side, type of angle). In addition, they will have opportunities to practice previously learned standards for the upcoming state exam during guided math stations.
- ❖ In **reading workshop**, we will continue reviewing for the state exam using the Ready New York CCLS workbook. This week, students will be reviewing the elements of plays, comparing poems, plays, and prose, interpreting visual information, and explaining an author's reason and evidence. They will also practice writing the extended response portion within a given time limit.
- ❖ In **writing workshop**, we will be putting the final touches on our informational articles—making sure that everything is just perfect for the compilation of our pieces. Any additional time will be used for the final preparations for the ELA state test.

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

- ❖ **Personal Protractors for Math** – Last week, I had the students bring home protractors from school to use. Seeing as protractors are necessary for upcoming grades and fearing that those protractors set aside for the state tests will be lost, the students and I decided that it may be best for your child to have a personal protractor at home as well. This math tool can be found at any school or office supply store. I believe some drugstores may carry them in the stationery aisle, too.
- ❖ **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 by April 11. Thank you to those who have submitted their surveys already!

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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