

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

In The Classroom

- ❖ In **math workshop**, we will review the properties of a rectangle vs. a square and find the area and the perimeter of those figures. Students will also be expected to solve for the unknown variable in one-step and multi-step word problems. Please note that this unit on measurement will be combined with the geometry unit to address the geometry standards expected on the state test.
- ❖ In **reading workshop**, we will begin reviewing for the upcoming state exam using the Ready New York CCLS workbook. This week, students will be practicing how to identify the main idea and supporting details of various types of informational texts. They will also work on explaining what happened and why using cause-and-effect relationships. For read aloud, we will read Chapters 14-16 in Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH continue to work on story elements.
- ❖ In **writing workshop**, we will continue drafting our informational articles. Students will also be learning how to use different techniques to grab the reader's attention in the introductory section and to provide closure in the concluding section. After drafting and revising, they will begin to type up their articles so that it will be easier to format the nonfiction text features.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ Fri. March 7 Picture Day
- ❖ **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 Sign Up Sheet** – Please be on the lookout for the sign up sheet and return with your top 3 choices. I will try my best to schedule with your preferences in mind.
- ❖ **Math Academy** – Select students are invited to attend an afterschool program from 3-4pm on Tuesdays OR Thursdays for additional prep for the NYS math exam. Permission slips for Tuesdays group was sent home and Thursdays group will be sent home today. Please return them as soon as possible as signed permission slips are required in order to attend.
- ❖ **School Safety Campaign: Evacuation Bag Supplies** – Just last week, there was another District 2 school that was evacuated due to a power outage. Our PTA has about \$200 in contributions and need \$550 more to go! Please consider donating at www.217pta.com/links, as these supplies will help to better prepare the students for an evacuation.
- ❖ **Ready New York CCLS Review** – Seeing as we will be reviewing for the upcoming NYS exams this month, your child will be assigned review homework. To ease the overall homework load, students will not be expected to write reading reflections daily. However, they are still encouraged to write reading responses when they are finished with a book.