

March 31, 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 angles as acute, right, obtuse, and straight angles as well as finding the measure of a missing angle. In addition, they will practice how to answer an extended response question on rounding and applying multi-digit multiplication strategies using Ready New York CCLS materials.
- ❖ In **reading workshop**, we will finish up our review on responding to texts and unfamiliar words just in time for the NYS ELA exam. On the days of the ELA exam, students will have time to relax during independent reading time. In read aloud, we will continue reading Chapters 17-19 of Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH and find out what finally happened to Nicodemus and the other rats.
- ❖ In **writing workshop**, we are still putting the final touches on our informational articles—making sure that everything is just perfect for the compilation of our pieces. Students will also be reviewing how to cite and quote text sources so that they can be sure that those aspects of writing were included in their pieces.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ 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

- ❖ **NYS ELA Exam** – Please refer to the handout that was given out last Thursday on what to expect on the days of the ELA exam. (This will also be posted up under the Blog section.) Students should also arrive to school on time having had a good night's rest and a healthy breakfast!
- ❖ **Word Study HW** – Word Study for this week has been postponed to lighten the HW load due to the ELA exam. Instead, students will be responsible for reading for 30 minutes and completing the assigned math worksheet(s).
- ❖ **Monthly Reading Log** – March logs should be completed and signed so that students can submit them on Tuesday. Students should have at least 24 entries on their March logs. New April logs will be handed out on April 1.
- ❖ **Personal Protractors for Math** – Many students still do not have their own personal protractors. Due to the nature of the math homework, I will send home the protractors that will be used during the state test. Please ensure that your child brings the protractor back to school daily!

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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