

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

In The Classroom

- ❖ In **math workshop**, we will continue to review for the upcoming state exam using the Ready New York CCLS materials. Students will work on how to measure an angle correctly, draw an angle with a protractor, add/subtract angles to find unknown angles, and identify and draw points line segments, lines, rays. Also, they will take a practice test on the short-response/extended response section so that they will have a better handle how to pace themselves during the actual exam.
- ❖ In **reading workshop**, we will be doing shared reading of various short stories from Cynthia Rylant's Every Living Thing. Students will be using these texts to study different story elements, describe how a character change, and analyze what was the catalyst for that change. In read aloud, we will continue reading Chapters 23-25 of Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH.
- ❖ In **writing workshop**, we will be responding to those short stories by writing responses of at least three paragraphs. Students review what makes a good response and focus more on answering the given prompt instead of a lengthy summary. They will also learn how to annotate the text in a way that helps them plan for a stronger piece.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Wed. 4/30 – Fri. 5/2** **New York State Math Exam**
- ❖ **Wed. 5/7** **Half Day (Dismissal @ 11:38am)**

Announcements & Reminders

- ❖ **State Math Exam** – Since the many of the tips overlap with the ELA exam, I will not be giving a “cheat sheet”. To remind you of the structure of the test, it is Day 1: 24 MC questions (1hr), Day 2: 25 MC questions (1hr), and Day 3: 6 SR and 4 extended responses (1.5hrs). Please make sure that your child gets a good night's rest, eats a healthy breakfast, and arrives to school on time!
- ❖ **Pennies for Patients Fundraiser** – Notices were given out last week about this fundraiser for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Send in those coins (or bills) to help fund blood cancer research and patient services! For more info, please visit www.schoolandyouth.org/nyc.
- ❖ **Scoring the State Math Exam** – I will be out of the classroom from Tuesday, May 6th until Tuesday, May 13th to help score the math exam for the city. While I am sad to be away from the students those days, it will be a good experience to see how students all over the city did and how the exams were structured across different grades. As a result, I have requested the same substitute teacher during that time and hope to communicate daily with her about the students. However, if you email me during those days, I may not be able to respond as promptly.

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