

April 7, 2014

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

## In The Classroom

- ❖ In **math workshop**, we will continue working with angles and thinking about the relationship they have with turns within a circle. Students will then work on solving angle addition/subtraction and angle word problems. They will also learn about line symmetry in order to identify the many lines of symmetry within any regular polygon. In addition, students will practice on multi-digit multiplication and division strategies using Ready New York CCLS materials.
- ❖ In **reading workshop**, we will re-launch our guided reading groups and have a close reading on this week's Scholastic News feature article ("Bees Feel the Sting"). In read aloud, we will continue reading Chapters 20-22 of Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH and find out the logistics of "Plan".
- ❖ In **writing workshop**, we are still reviewing how to cite and quote text sources so that they can be sure that those aspects of writing were included in their pieces. Students will then complete a performance task for the Informational Writing unit. The next unit will involve reading fictional short stories and writing essays on how and why the main character changed.

## Upcoming Events

- ❖ Mon. 4/14 – Tues. 4/22      Schools Closed due to Spring Recess (**Students return on 4/23**)
- ❖ Sat. 4/26                      International Dinner, Manhattan Park Community Center (4-7pm)
- ❖ Wed. 4/30 – Fri. 5/2        New York State Math Exam

## Announcements & Reminders

- ❖ **School Survey** – If you have not completed a survey yet, please consider filling one out online at [nycschoolssurvey.org](http://nycschoolssurvey.org) by April 11. We are hoping for 100% participation from families, as the results of the survey are calculated into the school's overall progress report grade from the DOE.
- ❖ **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!
- ❖ **Spring Break HW** – Given that the NYS Math Exam will occur shortly after we come back from, the vacation homework will involve a Math Packet (multiple choice & extended responses) and writing a Reading Response for the last book the students have finished. **If you know that your child is leaving before Friday, please let me know as soon as possible so that he/she has the necessary work.**

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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