

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

In The Classroom

- ❖ In **math workshop**, students will be taking a Unit Test on Measurement on Thursday. We will be finishing up with measurement conversion word problems and reviewing for the test (customary vs. metric measurement systems, time/linear/mass/capacity measurements, and area and perimeter). Students will also be working on math journal tasks as additional practice and to promote critical thinking and discussion skills for these measurement standards.
- ❖ In **reading workshop**, we will be continuing our shared reading of various short stories from Cynthia Rylant's Every Living Thing. Students will be studying different literary devices by zooming into the author's craft and structure. They will be able to identify the theme as the big message the author is trying to teach us, and hyperboles as an exaggeration that evokes a strong feeling or impression. In read aloud, we will be finishing 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 will continue to outline prior to responding to a prompt and picking specific evidence to support their thinking. This week, they will be responding to the prompt: What lesson does Harry learn in "Papa's Parrot"?

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Monday 5/26** **No School due to Memorial Day**
- ❖ **Tues. 5/27 – Wed. 5/28** **NYS Science Performance Test** (Scheduled at various times)
- ❖ **Friday 5/30** **4th Grade Trip to NY Historical Society**

Announcements & Reminders

- ❖ **NY Historical Society Trip** – Please make sure students bring a snack and a bag lunch that day, as they will be eating lunch in the classroom when we return. We will depart at 9:30am via yellow bus and return by 12:00pm (depending on the traffic).
- ❖ **Gold Opera** – We've launched the other art program for 4th grade last week. Mr. Richard has spent time in the classroom brainstorming ideas for 403's own opera and has taken those ideas to compose an opera. So far, the class has come up with a very creative idea about dragons, squids, and wolves that need to gather special ingredients to bake a cake for "Droid Day."
- ❖ **Picture Day Photos** – Spring portrait envelopes were sent home two weeks ago. Reminder: If you are interested in purchasing any photos, here are the following prices: **A- All 5 sheets** (\$45); **B** – Any 4 sheets (\$56); **C** – Any 3 sheets (\$43); **D** – Any 2 sheets (\$29); **E** – Any 1 sheet (\$15)

Please return any (or all) sheets you do not wish to purchase. Students who do not return and/or purchase will be unable to participate in Field Day, which happens in early June.

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