



April News

PS 147
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First Grade Newsletter

Reading/ELA

In April we will be starting our unit: *Meeting Characters and Learning Lessons: A study of story elements*. In this unit we will be talking about story elements such as; characters, setting, problem, and solution. Students will talk about sequence of events and learn to retell a story in their own words. Students will also learn more about their characters by thinking about how their characters act and about the lessons that the characters have learned.

Writing

In writing, we will be starting our unit on writing series books. Students will practice using what they learned about series reading and narrative writing in order to write their own realistic fiction stories. Students will create a character and a mini-series about their characters. Students will include story elements such as problem/solution and setting.

Science

In April, we will continue our unit on Light and Sound. In this unit, students will act as light and sound engineers as they are asked to design, build, and then project a scene for a puppet show. As light engineers, they will have to answer the question; *how do we make different parts of a surface brighter or darker?* Students will be investigating cause-and-effect relationships.

Social Studies

In April, first graders will continue to learn about families now and long ago. In this unit students will learn about life long ago and make comparisons to how life is today.

JDLP Science

In April, we will continue our unit on Light and Sound. In this unit, students will learn Japanese adjectives to describe what is happening and investigate cause-and-effect relationships.

JDLP Social Studies

In April, first graders will continue to learn about families now and long ago. They will learn about technology changing and understand how life improves. In addition, they start planning for Japanese event in May. They will do a play in this event.



Math

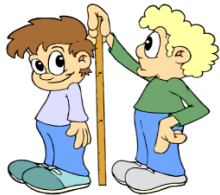
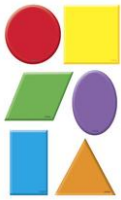
In April, first graders will be learning about how to represent data. Students will learn how to read and how to make graphs. Students will learn about picture graphs, bar graphs, and tally charts. Students will solve word problems about graphs.

Word Study

We will be doing a variety of activities during word study. We will be practicing our letters and letter sounds to build a strong phonetic (letter-sound) foundation. We will also learn how to spell words by using all that we know about letter sounds. We will continue to practice writing sight words and learn new vocabulary words. We will engage in activities such as writing words in ABC order and writing words in sentences.

Reminders:

- Please remember to complete homework every night.
- Your child should be reading every night for at least 20 minutes.
- Please sign your child's reading log every night.
- Please come to school every day on time.
- Our school collects "box tops for education." Please send in any you collect.
- If you wish for your child to eat breakfast in school, please be here by 7:15 am.



Important Dates

- **April 2 - 3, 2019:** New York State ELA Exam (Grades 3, 4 and 5 only)
- **April 12, 2019:** PS147 Day - Wear School Gear
- **April 17, 2019:** Parents in the Classroom @ 8:15am followed by PTA Meeting @9am in the McKibbin Street Cafeteria
- **April 18, 2019:** No afterschool programs - 2:20pm dismissal for all students
- **April 18, 2019:** Mystery Reader Day - Dress comfy and cozy
- **April 19, 2019 - April 26, 2019:** Spring Recess - School is Closed
- **April 29, 2019:** School resumes
- **April 30, 2019:** Character Education Assembly @ 9am - 1st Grade Performs
- Teachers are available to meet with parents every Tuesday from 2:30-3:00pm.