



5th Grade April NEWSLETTER



5th Grade 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

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 – 1st Grade Performs

Reading

Fifth graders will be taking the NY State ELA exam on April 2 & 3. Students will begin a unit called Craft and Structure in Literature. They will focus on determining the meaning of words as they are used in the text, including figurative language such as metaphors and similes. Similes use words "like" "or" "as" to compare two things that are not alike. Metaphors also compare unlike things, but do not use "like" or "as." Personifications give human qualities to nonliving things.

NY State ELA exam in April.

ELA Exam dates are April 2nd and 3rd.

Good luck to all the students!

Writing

Fifth grade students will continue to write Real-World informational writing. They will produce nonfiction writing, written with intention of informing the reader about a specific biography. It is typically found in magazines, science or history books, autobiographies and instruction manuals.

Science

Fifth grade food scientists are going to put to test all they have learned about the properties of food mixtures. Students will begin to experiment and create the best tasting salad dressing complete with flavor, texture, and appearance. Students will use their understanding of matter and properties of molecules to explain why some solids dissolve, and others do not. Students investigate the questions: what happens to the molecules of a solids and liquid when they are mixed together. Using the Amplify Science online Simulator, and reading Solving Dissolving students will construct nanovision models and write scientific explanations.

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Social Studies

Fifth graders will be turning into European explorers and think of how the explorations impacted the lives of Native Americans. They will think of how the issues of power, wealth, and morality influence exploration and colonization. Students will analyze various images pertaining to the unit. Fifth graders will continue working with Laura on their Project Based Learning.

Leader in Me/Character Trait

Fifth graders are being proactive students by following the Seven Habits of Highly Effective People. This month we are focusing on Perseverance and Habit 4 – *Begin with the end in mind.*

Math

Fifth grade mathematicians will continue their focus on fractions. Students will begin to divide fractions using their understanding of fractions as parts of a whole. Students will work with models to find the quotient of fractions divided by whole numbers. In addition students will be able to compare the size of fractions by identifying equivalent fractions, and ordering fractions into simplest form. Students will push their knowledge to making connections to problems using the problem solving procedure.

Let's Celebrate!

Student Leader of the Month:

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Adrianna Mota

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Cassidy Bernard

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Joey Maysonet