

1st Grade Newsletter

“All the News that’s Fit to Print”

May/June 2010



Reading Workshop

In May, readers will revisit, read and share favorite fairy tales. They will discuss similarities in characters (They will use their fairy tales as mentor texts to enhance their writing this month as well).

In June, readers will find their niche. They choose books from a genre they love and have stretches of time to read.

Writing Workshop

Our topic in May is Fairy Tales. We will be writing different versions of well known Fairy Tales, by changing the characters, the setting, points of view, the details, etc.

In June we will review and revisit extensively the skill of revision.

Technology

For information on technology and what your child is doing, please visit:

www.ps101mediacenter.com

Art

For information on art and what your child is doing, please visit

www.ps101arts.blogspot.com

Also, please check your child’s online digital portfolio at www.artsonia.com

Science

Our scientists will observe and describe weather conditions that occur during each season. Vocabulary: seasons, migrate, thermometer, water cycle, rain gauge

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“The School in the Gardens”

Math Workshop

In May, we will review and continue our study of numbers to 100, including estimating sums, comparing numbers, and ordering numbers. We will refine our choice of strategies in problem solving. We will work on fractions in June. We will finish up the year with addition and subtraction of 2-digit numbers.

Vocabulary: tens, regroup, equal parts, fractions, 2-digit numbers, estimate of sums and differences.

Social Studies

In May and June, students will be learning about the symbols of America. They will understand that a symbol stands for something else and will be able to research other symbols. Students will also learn about Memorial Day and Flag Day.

Vocabulary: symbols, Memorial Day, Flag Day

Important Dates

May 31- Memorial Day (school is closed)

June 8- ½ day for students

June 9- International Dinner (6-10 pm, for parents)

June 10- Brooklyn-Queens/Anniversary Day (no school for students)

June 16- P.A. meeting 7:00 pm

June 17- ½ day for students

Monday, June 28- Last day of school

Parent Support

- In honor of your child’s birthday, Read Aloud books are always welcome.
- Please read with your child daily, for at least 20 minutes.
- Just Right Books must be brought home and back to school every day.