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FIFTH GRADE NEWSLETTER May 2010

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APRIL

Writing—Journalism

Reading— Author Study

Math—Test Prep, Group Projects

Science— Life Science

Social Studies—Mexico

Literacy

Throughout the month of May, students will be completing a group study of a specific author, as well as growing in their understanding of journalistic writing.

In their Reading Workshop, students will work in groups, choosing a specific author, reading several of their works, and then analyzing the books to discover trends in the authors writing.

In their Writing Workshop, students will be working on journalism. They will learn the skills necessary to write factual recordings of the events going on in and around P.S. 101.

Science

This month, students will continue focus on the human body. They will learn about our food pyramid, and the importance of making healthy body and food choices. The focus switches this month to personal health, hygiene, and habits.

Music

Students will continue to learn about music in a variety of ways with Mr. Sansaricq.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ 5/5 & 5/6- Statewide Math Exam
- ◆ 5/11-Trip to Madison Sq. Garden
- ◆ 5/12-Trip to Citi Field

Math

Students will begin the month of may by finalizing their preparation for the Statewide Math exam held on May 5th and 6th. Afterwards, students will continue their study of math through group projects, and activities. Geometry in My World, Building a Dream House, Apple Pie & Cherry Pie & Circles...it should be fun!!!

Ballroom Dance

On March 22nd, grade five students will began their second year of ballroom dance lessons. We are working again with Ms. Daniela on Mondays and Tuesdays to learn many types of dance steps as well as the importance of respect and teamwork.

Social Studies

Students will be completing their unit on Mexico. We will be focused on the 8 strands of Mexico and the important issues facing Mexico today.



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ME

Poetry Rubric

By Brandon K.

I am a trumpet,
 Big and loud.
 I am a sometimes light,
 sometimes rainy
 Cumulous cloud
 I am a flamingo,
 Flying away when something
 comes
 I am a gazelle,
 Fear make me jump and run.
 I am noon,
 In between night and day,
 One wants me to help,
 One wants me to play.
 I am a rainbow,
 Full of different personalities.
 All of that,
 Just in me!

CATEGORY	Exceeds Expectations 4	Meets Expectations 3	Approaches Expectations 2	Expectations Not Met 1
Genre Conventions	Student follows the conventions for the type of poem written.	Student mostly follows the conventions for the type of poem written.	Student does not follow the conventions for the type of poem written.	Student does not write a poem.
Topic & Organization	Student remains on topic all of the time; Student's writing follows a natural order all of the time.	Student remains on topic most of the time; Student's writing follows a natural order most of the time.	Student remains on topic some of the time; Student's writing follows a natural order some of the time.	Student does not remain on topic; No evidence of organization in writing.
Style	Student's writing is very deliberate and purposeful; Student uses a lot of descriptive language.	Student's writing is deliberate and purposeful; Student uses many descriptive words.	Student's writing is somewhat deliberate and purposeful; Student uses some descriptive words.	Student's writing is not deliberate and purposeful; Student uses little or no descriptive words.
Conventions	Proper use of capital letters, spacing and punctuation most of the time; Most words spelled correctly.	Proper use of capital letters, spacing and punctuation most of the time; Uses inventive spelling effectively.	Exploring the use of capital letters, spacing and punctuation; Uses inventive spelling to write words.	Exploring the use of capital letters, spacing and punctuation; Has many spelling errors that interfere with meaning.