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The 4th Grade Monthly News

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Literacy Highlights



Reading Workshop:

Our readers will be working in groups to examine the Social Issues in their books. Some examples of social issues are bullying, poverty, and illiteracy.

Writing Workshop:

For the month of May, we will be working on our Mini Poetry Unit learning to craft poems in a variety of styles and moods. We will then continue onto our Memoir Unit which will tap into our personal experiences and memories.

Math Minutes



For the first few days of May, we will be preparing for the NYS Math exam on May 5th, 6th & 7th. A good website for some additional practice and review at home is:

<http://www.ixl.com/math/>

Following the test, we will be working on choosing the right strategy to solve word problems using the four-step problem solving process (Understand, Plan, Solve, Check). We will be continuing with Chapter 14, exploring the relationship between fractions, mixed numbers and decimals. In Chapter 15, the emphasis is on adding and subtracting decimals.

Vocabulary:

Ch. 14: decimal, decimal point, tenth, hundredth

Reminder: You can access our math textbook online at macmillanmh.com. Our access code is: E931AA0002.

Science



This month we will be covering liquid density, types of rocks, the rock cycle, weathering and erosion, and soil. We will also be preparing for the NYS Science Exam by working through simple experiments and answering sample questions.

Vocabulary:

density, matter, mass, volume, mineral, igneous, metamorphic, sedimentary, rock cycle, erosion, weathering, humus, bedrock, and horizon

Social Studies



Students will be doing lessons and activities dealing with Immigration during this month of May. Our classes will also be visiting the Tenement museum some time in late May or in June.

Vocabulary:

The Push and Pull factors of Immigration, emigrate, Tenement, Jacob Riis, reform, Ellis

Island, oral history, exploit, and streets paved with gold



Technology

Mr. Hyman's Virtual Media Center Link

<http://www.ps101mediacenter.com/>

- Click on the **Monthly Newsletter** tab
- Just for Parents/ARIS tab



Art

Ms. Sawicki-Mallien

www.ps101art.blogspot.com

Check out Artsonia!



Important Dates to Remember

- ❖ **May 5th, 6th, and 7th : NYS Math Exam**
- ❖ **May 11: Trip to the Museum of the Moving Image for Classes 401 & 431**
- ❖ **May 12: Trip to the Museum of the Moving Image for Classes 402 & 403**
- ❖ **May 19: Field Day (Grades 4 & 5)**
- ❖ **May 28: Class 402 Trip to the Tenement Museum**
- ❖ **Upcoming Trips in June: Tenement Museum**

Parent Support



Reminders

- ❖ Each child is responsible for reading **3 books** for the month from the monthly genre list.
 - ❖ **They should do 3 different projects.** Along with having read 3 books, a **reading project/book report** and **monthly log** is due on the last day of each month.
- *June's genre is poetry.**

Please take your child to visit the local library to explore their selection of poetry.

- ❖ Review this month's vocabulary words in each of the core subject areas.
- ❖ Keep in mind the dates of larger projects that may take longer than a week to complete.
- ❖ Practice timing your child if she/he is practicing answering multiple choice questions, short answer, and extended response questions for the upcoming NYS exams.