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## P.S. 178 Magnet School of Multimedia Arts & Design April 2023 Newsletter



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*Newsletter*

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No School Memorial Day  
May 29, 2023



# P.S. 178 Grade News

**5th Grade**

Now that State Testing has completed, we are continuing with our curriculum. We will be starting to put together our graduation program.

In ELA, our classes will build their knowledge about exploration, with a focus on the autobiography genre. We will read texts and view videos about important discoveries people have made on land, in the oceans, and in space. Students will also write an expository essay that explains how curiosity encourages exploration.

In math, we will be diving into lessons to prepare for 6th grade. Students will read and write expressions and continue to build fluency with multi-digit operations with whole numbers, fractions and decimals.

In Social Studies, we will begin a case study on the Dominican Republic. Students will use the information they learn to create a presentation

In Science, students are continuing with studying the Earth, its resources and how we can protect the environment by engaging in an action plan for positive change.

Dates to keep in mind:  
5th grade trip- Friday, May 5th  
Graduation- Tuesday, June 20th (time to follow)

We continue to appreciate all the support and collaboration with parents as we are in this journey together.

Best Wishes, The 5th Grade team



# P.S. 178 Grade News

## 4th Grade

Fourth grade readers and writers are continuing to focus on locating text evidence, analyzing vocabulary words, and their writing. We are wrapping up our unit on Heroic Feats, in which students wrote narratives that featured a character who made an impact on others.

Fourth grade mathematicians are working on their measurement skills as we engage in geometry! Students measure angles and solve problems using angle measures. As students continue to persevere through mathematical concepts, they are gearing up to ace the fourth grade New York State Math assessment on May 2nd -3rd. Please continue encouraging your child to practice mathematical skills at home.

**fourth**  
**GRADE**

## Key to the City A Family Resource Fair

### FREE Immigration Legal Consultations

Offered by the New York Legal Assistance Group.

Register here: [nyic.me/may15](https://nyic.me/may15)

### Library Resources

Learn about library services and how to sign up for a library card!

### Education Resources

Learn about enrolling your child in school and the resources available to immigrant students.

### Resources for English Classes, financial literacy, and more.

We will be distributing free food and family essentials. Supplies are limited.



### When?

Monday, May 15, 2023  
11am - 3pm

### Where?

Stapleton Library  
132 Canal St,  
Staten Island, NY 10304

### Questions?

[www.nyic.org](http://www.nyic.org)  
[events@nyic.org](mailto:events@nyic.org)

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# Parent Coordinator



# GRAND OPENING

**SATURDAY, MAY 13TH, 1:00PM - 4:00PM**  
*Join us for a great time for the entire family!*

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# P.S. 178 Grade News

## 2nd Grade

April has come and gone for second graders! In reading we continue our work with studying the characteristics of leaders and writing an "All About Me." In social studies we have spent some time discussing Earth Day and will move on to studying aspects of the government and why citizens need laws. In math we have completed our chapter on time and money and have moved on to working with 3-digit numbers. We are revisiting previously taught addition strategies like partial sums and open number lines and using them to help us add numbers within 1,000. In science we will continue exploring how wind and water can change land over time.



## 3rd Grade

In ELA, 3rd grade classes are beginning a new module focused on making a difference. Scholars will continue practicing asking and answering questions as they read, determine author's purpose and main idea.

In Math, scholars are focusing on telling time and comparing time intervals. Scholars will learn about elapsed time and solve word problems using precise time to the nearest minute.

In Social Studies, we are getting ready to study China. Scholars are sharing what they already know about China and what they'd like to learn. Scholars will learn what life is like in China and compare it to their own lives in the U.S.

In Science, we are getting ready to begin our next unit, Life Cycles. Scholars will explore life cycles of both plants and animals. Scholars are looking forward to incorporating research and art in this unit.

Welcome to  
**3RD GRADE**



# P.S. 178 Grade News

## Kindergarten

This month, Kindergarten has worked diligently in ELA, Math, Writing, and Social Studies. In ELA and Writing, we are currently in Module 4 of Into Reading. In Module 4, we are continuing to learn about ways to keep our body healthy through exercise, healthy eating habits, and sleep. In addition, we are learning how to ask and answer questions based on a topic. During Module 3, we completed our unit on informative writing and learned the difference between a fact and an opinion. Scholars will continue to work on informative writing in Module 4 with an emphasis on research. We will practice writing in complete sentences and editing our work. In Foundational Skills, children are segmenting words in syllables, building CVC words, distinguishing short and long vowel sounds, and using their skills to write sentences. We will also continue to break words into phoneme sounds! In Math, scholars are continuing to focus on numbers 11-20. They are also decomposing numbers into parts and whole. In Social Studies, we are focusing on our community. Scholars are learning about important places in our community, the importance of these places and the people who work there. The Kindergarten Team is so proud of the students! They continue to show progress and put forth effort! We will begin learning and practicing for Graduation and look forward to our trip to the Central Park Zoo!



## 1st Grade

Chicks are on the way! We are eagerly waiting for the arrival of the chicks. First grade will be learning about the chick's life cycle and how to care for a chick. Also, we will have our trip to the Central Park Zoo on May 24. In literacy, we're in the middle of module 7, The Big Outdoors. Students are learning about how things in nature change over time. Children will research kinds of weather, record their observations, make posters to show weather changes, and present their findings and posters to the class. In writing, students are learning about poetry and will be writing poems about nature. In math topic 12, students will be learning about measuring. Students will develop a process for measuring length with nonstandard units. Students will compare the lengths of a variety of real-world objects and indirectly measure real-world objects using units such as cubes or pennies. Finally the first and second grade show will be on May 25. It will be on Aesop fables. Please make sure students who have parts are practicing their lines. See you all at the show!



## Vote Now For Your Education Council Representatives!



Community and Citywide Education Councils (CCECs) offer important advice to the Chancellor and NYC Department of Education. CCEC work includes:

- Hosting town halls with the Chancellor
- Advising on education policies and improvements to school buildings
- Collaborating with superintendents to improve student achievement
- Deciding on zoning lines and consulting on school co-locations

Help shape our children's education! As the parent of an NYC public school student, you have the expertise we're looking for.

For more information on voting and the Councils: [schools.nyc.gov/Elections2023](https://schools.nyc.gov/Elections2023)

## NY State Math Test

### Who takes this test?

Students in grades 3–8 take the State Mathematics test each spring.

English Language Learners are required to take the State math tests but may take a test translated into Arabic, Bengali, Chinese (traditional & simplified), Haitian Creole, Korean, Russian, or Spanish. When tests are not available in the student's native language, the test may be translated orally. Students with disabilities may take the NY State Alternate Assessments in place of the general State test, if specified on their Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

### When is this test given?

For school year 2022-23, math exam dates are **May 2-3**.

### What is on the test?

The math test is an untimed test that contains several different types of questions. Students answer multiple choice and open-ended questions.

### How is the test scored?

The NY State Grades 3–8 exams are scored by licensed and trained New York City teachers. The exams are scored through a distributed scoring process, meaning no student's exam is scored by a teacher from the student's school. This scoring complies with NY State Education Department DOE policy regarding scoring of State exams.

### How are the results reported?

The number of correct answers a student gives on a test is converted into the student's "scale score." Scale scores are divided into four performance levels. You can access the results through the [NYC Schools Account \(NYCSA\) portal](#)([Open external link](#)). You can view the results in the "My Student" page. Your account must be linked to your child to view this information.

## P.S. 178 Grade News

### 3K

We are excited to introduce the final in a series of three Explorations. Over the next three months, children have explored how their actions and the way they care for themselves, others, and the world around them can impact growth and change.

This month in our Exploration, children have had the opportunity to explore ideas related to caring for self, others, and the world around us. Children will show growth in their ability to care for themselves and express care and concern toward other people and objects.

To help support our Exploration, discuss with your child about the things he/she cares about and how to demonstrate care for themselves, others, and the things around them. Consider providing play toys and tools that they can use to provide care such as equipment or tools that medical professionals, teachers, builders, mechanics, gardeners, veterinarians, families, etc. would use to care for people, animals, plants, and things. Observe and listen to what your child is interested in and expand on those interests.



### Pre-K

This month we explored "Plants." In this unit, the children moved from exploring the properties and uses of water to observing and learning about different kinds of plants.

Activities throughout the unit prompt children to learn about plants through hands-on explorations and provide opportunities to observe plants in their immediate environment. Throughout the unit, students explored the different kinds of plants that they eat, including fruit, vegetables, herbs, seeds, etc. These investigations helped students with their understanding of the parts of plants and increase their awareness of healthy eating, where food comes from, and how plants help us stay healthy and grow.

