

January 2023

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Newsletter



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Mark your calendar!

No School

Winter Recess
December 26, 2022 - January 2, 2023

Return Back to School
January 3, 2023



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5th Grade

In January, Fifth grade will start a new ELA unit: Wild West! Students will build their knowledge about westward expansion, with a focus on the informational text genre. We will read texts and view videos about how workers and families had varied experiences during the time of westward expansion. Students will also write an expository essay about what made the settlers, pioneers, and workers in the West successful. We are looking forward to our performance Gold Dust or Bust on February 2nd at Truman High School.

We recently finished Topic 5: Dividing by 2-Digit Divisors and began Topic 6: Use Models and Strategies to Divide Decimals. Students will review the algorithm for division and extend to divide decimals. Khan Academy is a great resource for math support. Students should also practice their basic multiplication facts.

We are wrapping up Unit 1 about the Western Hemisphere in Social Studies and will begin Unit 2 about European Exploration. In Science, we are continuing to learn about energy and matter in ecosystems.

We had a great time on our trip to the Hard Rock Cafe. (Add more??) We are looking forward to planning our next trip.



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4th Grade

Fourth grade readers are completing work in Module 2: Come to Your Senses. The module focused on how people and animals use their senses to navigate the world. These reading rock stars ended the unit by synthesizing information from module texts with an extended response.

Fourth grade writers have completed Module 2: Descriptive Writing. In this unit, students focused on using precise vocabulary to describe an animal they researched. Next up, we will embark on the journey of opinion writing!

Fourth grade mathematicians have just concluded Chapter 4: Multiplying by 2-Digit Numbers. They have just started Chapter 5: Dividing by 1-Digit Numbers. It is important that students continue to practice multiplication fact.

Fourth grade scientists are continuing their work with energy and as geographers they continue to explore geographic features by exploring maps.

We congratulate our performers with their great work in the 4th Grade Show: Character Matters.

fourth
GRADE

Happy Holidays

Principal's Message

It has been quite the month! The return to Truman Shows was a success, and I would like to thank Ms. Rodriguez, Ms. Figueroa, and the fourth grade teachers and students for doing such a phenomenal job bringing us back. The "Character Matters" show was important for our students because they got to see characters from some of their favorite stories learning lessons about themselves. The family turn out was also something to highlight because much of what we do for engagement is virtual; I want to especially thank the families that came to see our kids perform! Holiday Spirit week has been a highlight to end the 2022 part of the school year including our honor roll breakfast, making December my favorite month so far! Please fill out the survey that will be coming around and home with your child to determine the best time for tea time following the break. As always, it has been my pleasure leading this school community.

Happiest of Holidays,
Principal Gibson Scott

Parent Coordinator

I would like to take this time to cordially thank all of the families and staff who graciously donated an unwrapped toy for the P.S. 178 Toy Drive. Unfortunately, there are many children in communities who are facing serious hardships during this time of year. However, your gesture of giving has made many children happier this season. Thank you for making this a special holiday for the children. I hope I can count on you in the years to come. Happy holidays and continue to stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,
Ms. Vasquez

Kenzo Burney
2-238

Sariah Lewis
2-238

Character Day



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2nd Grade

The second-grade team is in the process of publishing their informative writings on a place they would like to visit. In the new year, they will begin to write their point of view on an issue. Scholars are continuously growing and building on their foundations, spelling words, grammar and vocabulary throughout each unit. We were able to inter-disciplinary our reading and science units on the topic of matter. Students are expanding their knowledge on gases, liquids and solids. In social studies, we are learning to finding information about symbols of citizenship for our country. We are finishing up the unit of numbers up to a 1,000 and in the new year they will learn how to fluently add within a 100.



3rd Grade

In ELA, 3rd grade classes have been exploring informational texts to learn about the freedoms we enjoy in our country. We have learned about the U.S. Constitution, The Declaration of Independence and The Statue of Liberty using both nonfiction and narrative nonfiction genres. After the break we will start exploring a new type of writing – plays! We'll learn about the parts of play and how stories can be told in a different way. We'll even try our hand at acting.

In Math, we are getting ready to apply our multiplication and problem-solving skills to tackle area and perimeter. After the break, we'll look at the area and perimeter of standard and nonstandard shapes. Even though we're taking a little break from multiplication and division, we'll still find time to strengthen our fact power in the new year.

In Social Studies, we have been looking at natural resources available in different parts of the world. We have also been using our thinking skills to consider how people can adapt to their environments, using the resources available to them. Soon we will begin studying one of the focus countries studied in third grade, Nigeria. In Science, we have been exploring magnetism as a force and will soon wrap up forces and begin our new unit- Weather & Climate!

We hope everyone has a great winter break and enjoys this time with their families. Happy holidays to all who celebrate and we'll see you in 2023!

Welcome to
3RD GRADE

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Kindergarten

This month, Kindergarten has continued our units of study in ELA, Math, Writing, Social Studies. In ELA, we are currently in Module 2, which focuses on why we are special and unique. Additionally, scholars are deepening their understanding of story elements such as: theme, plot, setting, characters, and problem and solution. scholars are continuing to work on Narrative Writing and using details in their writing and illustrations. In addition, scholars are labeling our pictures and using letter sounds to spell words. The Kindergarten teachers encourage students continue to practice their letter sounds each night. In Foundational Skills, scholars are counting syllables, blending syllables, identifying rhyming words, and isolating initial and finals sounds in a word. Scholars are continuing to learn new sight words and read pre-decodable texts. In Math, we learned how to compare numbers using domain-specific vocabulary words such as greater than, less than, and equal to. We are currently on Topic 5 in math. During this unit, scholars will be classifying, categorizing, and arranging data. In Social Studies, we have been learning about roles and responsibilities in the school and our school communities. The Kindergarten Team is so proud of the students! They have continued to persevere and try their best! Please continue to read at home, practice letters and letter sounds, and practice counting and comparing numbers. We hope you have a wonderful and relaxing Winter Recess!



1st Grade

First grade welcomes in the New Year with new and exciting things. In reading we are wrapping up module 3 on amazing animals. Students are researching their favorite animals and writing an "all-about" book on what they have learned about their animal. Soon we'll begin module 4, Better Together. This module connects social studies and social emotional learning on how we can get along with one another and ways we can do better. In math, we're moving into topic 5. Topic 5 still deals with addition and subtraction, but students will learn how to add with three numbers, solving word problems with three numbers, and making true equations. In science, we're moving into learning about light and sound. In this unit, students take on the role of light and sound engineers as they are challenged with a design problem to design, build, and then project a scene for a puppet show. As light engineers, they tackle the question How do we make different parts of a surface brighter or darker? by investigating cause-and-effect relationships. Please remember to check your child's folder daily for important notice. We will continue to learn as we grow



Honor Roll

K-175

Riley Boakye
Kassia Jones
Cash McCullough
Greyson Ruiz

1-139

Raymel Allen
Morgan Cross
Malia Richards

1-143

Emma Olan
Annabelle Martes
Winter Green

2-238

Noah Henriquez
Matilda Mahoney
Michael Olan

3-206

Haleemah Alfa
Harlan Garcia
Joseph Ijeomah
Sudiene Jarret
Olivia Stanley

3-207

Cyril Appiahene
Linda Burley
Malachi Mahoney

4-204

Kalila Adams
Dallas Chong
Schneider Dzikunu
Shahzeen Kamal
Safaa Talibi

5-304

Katlyn Opoku
Hollie Sapati
Jasmine Smith
Arianna Thomas-Collins
Camille Stovall

5-306

Aaliyah Bobbitt
Amaunet Gill
Ayden Marcus
Rafiqul Maula
Eli Osman
Kaylee Rogers
Mollie Sapati
Quadir Wells
Ivan Asante
Jaedon Greenwood
Joy Taylor

4-205

Janice Aquah

Honorable Mention

3-206

Sophia Hernandez Mendez
Tamera Pryce
Branden Rodriguez

4-205

Abena Aboagye
Megan Opoku
Ishmael Morales
Michelle Yeboah Danso
Deron Anokye
Saylor Walker
Nasir Sills-Couchman

5-306

Maxx Mena

3-207

Nana Agyarko
Gina Boateng
Kayden Green
Leah Rosario

Kindergarten Enrollment 2023-2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2023 Kindergarten Admissions process. This year, families with children born in 2018 can apply to attend Kindergarten for 2023-24 school year. The kindergarten application open **Wednesday December 7th, 2022.**

We would like to highlight for you that this year, families will be able to apply to Kindergarten Gifted and Talented programs on the same application as other kindergarten programs.

This means that:

- Families can list Kindergarten **AND gifted and talented programs** on the **SAME application.**
- Any family who lists a G&T program anywhere on their application will then be considered for eligibility.
- Families who submit an application will receive a single Kindergarten offer in April to either a Kindergarten or G&T program.
- Schools will know who received offers to general Kindergarten and G&T programs at their school at the same time in April.
- Waitlists will become available at the same time for both Kindergarten and G&T. Families will only be able to accept one offer at a time.

You can submit your kindergarten application one of two ways:

- Online with [MySchools\(Open external link\)](#)** in English, Spanish, Chinese, Bengali, Russian, Arabic, Urdu, Haitian Creole, Korean, or French. We'll let you know when the application opens and you can apply online!
- **By phone** at 718-935-2009. If you are applying by phone, interpretation services are available in more than 200 languages.

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3K

This month in our Exploration, we have encouraged children to observe the world around them, noting what they see in their environment. Children will show growth in their ability to observe and describe observable phenomena (objects, materials, organisms, and events).



Pre-K

This month we explored "Where We Live." In our last unit, All About Us, children explored ideas of identity and belonging as they learned about themselves and the people around them. In this unit, Where We Live, children moved from inquiring and thinking critically about themselves, their classmates, and their family to the spaces that those people inhabit. Children developed a concept and awareness of the diversity of living environments and explore how New Yorkers live in many types of homes and buildings. Additionally, in this unit children inquired and learned about the homes of animals, both pets living in homes with the children and those animals that create their own homes.

Children began this unit by considering the first week's focus questions, "Where do I live? Where do my family members live?" After children considered the various kinds of homes in which they and the people they know live, they started to consider animals and investigated a more abstract concept: animal homes. Children also explored the question, "What types of homes do the people in my city live in?" This added a layer of observation and inquiry by prompting children to consider the buildings in and around their neighborhoods and throughout the city. The children looked more closely at how both animals and people make homes. They observed, planned, pondered, discussed and problem solved together as they studied blueprints as well as building and floor plans before drawing their own and then used these plans as a guide for building in the Block/Construction area.

