

# DECEMBER

4<sup>TH</sup> Grade PS 377

## Important Dates

**December 5:** PTA meeting at 6:00 pm

**December 11:** Student leaders – visit at assisted living for caroling

**December 13:** PS 377 Concert

Pre-K & K: 4:00

Gr. 1 & 2 4:30

Grade 3-5 5:00

**December 20:** Peer Mediators – visit at assisted living for caroling

**December 25- January 1:** School is closed for Winter Recess

## Leader in Me



This month we will be focusing on Habit #3: First Things First. While learning about this habit, the children will learn about the importance of staying focused on a task and spending time on activities that are

## Writing

### Opinion Writing

We have also begun a new unit in our Writer's Workshop. We are learning about Opinion Writing and the different techniques author's use in persuasive writing. During this unit, the students will study various forms of opinion writing and will apply their new skills to their own persuasive writing.

## Reading

### Reading the Weather, Reading the World

We have begun a new unit in our Reader's Workshop, titled Reading the Weather, Reading the World. This unit is all about reading expository, or nonfiction texts, and noticing the text features that make this genre unique. Students will focus on uncovering the main idea of a text and the supporting details the author uses to support their ideas in their writing. During this unit, the students will also participate in a research project in small groups where they will be researching topics using expository texts and teaching others on that topic.

## Math

### **Eureka Math Module 3**

Students started working on a new unit, Module 3, in Math. During this unit, students will be focusing on acquiring new strategies to solve multiplication, division, and word problems. These strategies include area model, place value disks, partial product. During our math rotations in class, the children are participating in various math activities, including Zearn and center-based learning, during which the students play math games related to the day's topic, giving them additional practice.

## Social Studies

Using Passport to Social Studies, learners will explore a variety of digital and print resources to understand the Native American history of New York State. The children will be conducting research projects on this topic as part of Unit 2 in Reading.



## Have a great holiday!



## Home Connection

Reading with your child will help them to build a strong vocabulary. Read together and encourage your child to read independently. Each child has a Raz kids account which is a great resource with hundreds of leveled texts to read online!

Review your child's math homework and use the Homework Helper page in the Eureka Math Succeed book for models. The online math program, [www.zearn.org](http://www.zearn.org), has lessons which are directly aligned to our Eureka Math program. Mathematicians should work on zearn lessons and practice multiplication facts at home daily to build fluency.