

# November Newsletter

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

## Important Dates

**November 2:** Parent Teacher Conferences & Half Day

**November 7:** Election Day- School Closed

**November 10:** Veteran's Day – wear red, white, and blue.

**November 13 & 14:** Picture Day

**November 23 & 24:** School closed for Thanksgiving

## Leader in Me

This month we will be focusing on Habit # 1: Be Proactive. We will be reading the book, Peppe the Lamplighter, by Elise Bartone. As a class, we will be practicing being practice leaders by taking ownership of our actions and keep a growth mindset by having a “can do” attitude!

## Writing

### Realistic Fiction Stories

Students are continuing to grow as writers as they work on editing and revising their personal narratives. As they edited their stories, they developed new exciting ways to interest their readers, explore different types of endings, and practice showing, rather than telling, by using dialogue and figurative language. The children also participated in ongoing writer's workshops where they provided each other with feedback.

## Reading

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Interpreting Characters the Heart of the Story

We are continuing to read “Tiger Rising” by Kate DiCamillo. Our students are having thoughtful discussions about growing ideas about characters and interpreting the theme of a text. We have also been practicing supporting our ideas with evidence from the texts we are reading.

## 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 Geography of New York State.



## 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.