

January Newsletter

4TH Grade PS 277

Important Dates

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

January 2: Return to school after winter break

January 9: Grade 5 for senior pictures

January 15: School for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 18: Parent Workshop at 6 PM on Zoom for social emotional support.

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 4

Lines & Angles

Students will be exploring the different kinds of lines, such as parallel, perpendicular, rays, and points. The children will be learning how to identify and measure different types of angles using a protractor. They will learn key terms such as acute angles, obtuse angles, right angles and straight angles.

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, 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.