



Reading

In reading and writing this month we will be continuing our focus on preparing students for the state tests. We will do this by analyzing grade level text, answering questions and zoning in on close reading. We will be focusing on different genres each week. We will start with a close look at Narrative then move to Informational, Narrative Non-fiction and a week of review. This will help us focus on the content work that each genre requires. We are focusing on questioning and how to “unpack” a question. This month we will be increasing the reading time to 45 minutes to help build stamina.



Writing

This month, we will continue to focus on how to find supporting details (text evidence) for a short and extended response question. We will be continuing our unit of literary essays through debate and discussion. As we read these texts we will be looking for big ideas or lessons. We will use these ideas to help us craft discussions and debates using reasoning, details and explanations.



Math

Math: Fractions:
Our next Unit will be **fractions** unit, which includes:

- Understanding what a fraction is
- Identifying the numerator and denominator of a fraction.
- Represent fractions on a number line.
- Finding equivalent fractions using multiple strategies
- Comparing fractions with different denominators
- Word problems involving fractions



Science

Inheritance and Traits. The scientists will learn how organisms get their traits and about the role that inherited information and environmental factors play in determining variation in the traits of organisms. This unit addresses these concepts directly by providing numerous opportunities for students to construct an accurate understanding of the influences that inheritance and the environment play in determining organisms’ traits.



Social Studies

We will be beginning our second unit of study in Social Studies. Our area of focus will be doing a country study on The Republic of China. Within this unit students will explore Chinese culture, food, traditions, etc. Student’s will be researching and creating a variety of projects.



Important Dates

- Monday March 2nd-** Report Cards are distributed; School Spirit Day: Dr. Seuss Day
- Tuesday March 3rd-** ELA After School Test Prep
- Thursday March 5-** Coffee and Chat @ 8:15 a.m. Parent Teacher Conferences!
- Tuesday March 10th-** ELA After School Test Prep
- Thursday March 12th-** Math After School Test Prep
- Thursday March 19th-** Math After School Test Prep
- Wednesday March 25th-** NYS Grade 3 ELA Test
- Thursday March 26th-** NYS Grade 3 ELA Test
- Friday March 27th-** School Spirit Day: Decade Day
- Tuesday March 31st-** Math After School Test Prep



