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What's the Good News at P.S. 139?

It Starts with Literacy

As the New Year unfolds, P.S. 139 students are engaged in reading and writing across the content areas. In Social Studies and Science, our young learners are writing All About Books connected to fascinating topics that peak their interests. Our writers are learning to incorporate text features such as labeling, developing a table of content, sub topics, diagrams, and lists that accurately capture their new found research.

Our young readers are making claims using character interpretation skills and supporting their stance with evidence based from the text. We call careful reading of the text, Close Reading. Our readers are participating in lots of partnership work to increase their comprehension levels.

Please encourage your child to read not only in the classroom but at home. Reading logs play a big part in the life of each reader.

Join us on January 27th for a parent workshop on the Common Core Learning Standards and Close Reading Strategies. Mrs. Yafa Efrem, our Kappa 4 teacher, will spotlight strategies that parents can use at home to enrich the literacy life of their child.

Math Mania

Fridays are Problem Solving Fridays at P.S. 139. Students participate in open-ended investigations that promote math fluency, multiple pathways to a solution, and just pure fun exploring numbers and logic. Thinking work is explored as students explore multi-step word problems with real world applications.

Lunar New Year

Join the merriment as we celebrate the Lunar New Year kicked off with a long line of parade goers dressed in traditional ancient garb. This is the year of the Horse. Our students will line the hallways as we recognize and cheer all parade goers. This annual tradition builds pride in community and honors the heritage of so many of our students. See you on Monday, January 27th at 1:30 p.m.

Science Magic

Students in grades 2-5 are busy preparing for the annual Science Fair scheduled for March 2014. All parents and guardians are invited to attend our workshop, "A Closer Look at the Scientific Process", scheduled for

January 20th at 9:00 a.m. Gain new insights about the scientific method and ways to support your child through a rich base of content knowledge.

Hall of Science

Through an awarded CASA grant, we are able to provide our students after school a fascinating opportunity to explore such topics as Oobleck Science, Sporty Nutrition, and All Charged Up. Hall of Science instructors will deepen science content learning and academic vocabulary through engaging kid-friendly investigations. Circle Saturday, May 17th for P.S. 139 Family Day at the Hall of Science. Enjoy a great day of learning that will nourish your appetite for knowledge.

Basketball Try Outs Begin

Calling all talented basketball players! Grade 5 Intramural basketball try outs begin on Wednesday, February 5th under the direction of Coach Brenda Zuckerman. Sharpen your dribbling skills, learn to execute lay ups and play strong offense and defense on the court. We are looking for our next Michael Jordan or Kobe Bryant!

Ezra Jack Keats Bookmaking Competition

How proud we are of the Kappa 5 students as they forge ahead in creating picture books. This valuable opportunity allows students to write and illustrate exemplary picture books with strong central messages.

This competition is fueled by a partnership between the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation and the New York City Department of Education. We applaud our budding authors as they pursue this initiative which strengthens critical thinking skills.