



PS 230 Kindergarten Newsletter

March 2019

Reading:

Kindergarten students will start reading and learning about non-fiction books. They will learn how to read to gather information. They will learn how to become experts on different topics. Kindergarten students will start by becoming experts on topics by reading books, asking questions and talking to their classmates and teachers. When you are reading at home with your child, spend time asking questions and talking about what he or she has learned in the book. Ask questions such as, "What was this book about?" or "What did this book teach you?" or "What can I teach someone else about this book?"

Writing:

Kindergarten students will continue to work on persuasive writing. They will learn to state their opinion and give reasons why they feel a certain way. You can practice at home by having them write about their favorite books, foods, games and places. Students will also be challenged to write in different forms, for example, writing a letter or song. Also, Kindergarten students will be getting ready to write informational (non-fiction) writing pieces in April! They can start brainstorming ideas of topics they know a lot about and things they know how-to do well!

Math:

Kindergarten students will begin studying addition, subtraction and the number system more thoroughly. The next few weeks will allow the students to dive into several investigations about how numbers work, how numbers can be composed, and how they can solve addition and subtraction number problems. Understanding how to solve math story problems is a key component of the upcoming units. You can practice at home with story problems. For example, Kate had 5 balloons, Jan gave her 3 more, how many balloons does Kate have now? Or Kate had 5 balloons, 3 balloons popped, how many balloons does Kate have left?

Social Studies/Science:

Kindergarten students will continue to learn about our community, geography, people and the environment with the essential question: What makes a community?

Dates to Remember:

3/1: Funny Friday!

3/14: **Half-Day**, Parent Teacher Conferences

3/15: PTA Spring Dance

3/29: Sip Into Spring!

Thank You! - Kindergarten Teachers ☺



NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

FROM MS. FITZGERALD (Music & Movement)

We are continuing to learn about music from around the world. The students are encouraged to bring in and share cultural music that your family enjoys. If they wear boots, please pack sneakers in their book bags to change for class.

FROM MR. HANRATTY (Art)

The students will explore symmetry and patterns in art. They will create artwork using these techniques and to represent the Bengali New Year.

FROM MR. FEDER (Science)

The children will measure the *area* of their hands and the *length* of five (5) solids using non-standard units.

FROM MS. WOODS (Gym)

Kindergarten students will be learning some skills used in the sport of basketball. Please remember to wear sneakers for gym.

