

Class 4-316 March Madness Newsletter

We're gearing up for some exciting stuff in 4-316! March brings more sunshine, the hope of warmer days, and test prep! Students have been preparing all year for the ELA and Math tests. This month, we'll focus on some specifics to make sure everyone is prepared for the ELA test on April 2 and 3 and the Math test on May 1 and 2.



Literacy

In March, our reading and writing lessons are focused on reviewing content that will be important for the NYS ELA test, as well as focusing on new lessons that will help students prepare for the work ahead.

In reading, important skills will all be linked back to close reading of passages. Some of the skills we will focus on are: main/central idea, theme, character traits/changes, vocabulary in context, and text structure. Students will be required to use various strategies to analyze texts, such as connecting main ideas and supporting details, identifying how two parts are related, and determining what is most important.

In writing, students will learn how to construct responses for the short and extended response sections of the ELA test. Again, a major focus will be on close reading. Students will practice writing an inference statement (“answer”) and finding two relevant details for short response questions (“detail”, “detail”). For the extended response, students will write using a compare and contrast essay structure. Organization is especially important for the extended response!



Math

We are moving along in Module 5: Fraction Equivalence, Ordering and Operations. Right now, students are learning to find equivalent fractions using multiplication and division. They are showing equivalence using various models: tape diagrams, number lines, and area models. Moving forward, we will focus on comparing fractions, and finally adding and subtracting fractions with like and unlike denominators. Through partner work, small groups, and independent practice, we are reviewing math concepts and strategies that were already taught in order to prepare for the NYS Math Test. At home, students should keep up with their practice of multiplication snap facts!



Social Studies

After the culmination of our study of the American Revolution, students are beginning

to explore the new United States. Students will focus on determining importance, paraphrasing, and summarizing information about the United States government.

Important Dates and Reminders ★ Thursday, 3/14 : Parent Teacher Conference (Students will be dismissed at 11:35 a.m.) ★ Tuesday, 3/26: Fourth Grade Music Concert ★ Tuesday/Wednesday, 4/2-4/3: NYS ELA Test

“No homework, is good work”