



# March



## Grade 5 Important Dates

- March 14- Parent Teacher Conferences 11:15 Dismissal
- March 25 – Senior Dues are Due (\$65)**
- June 5- Senior Trip to Adventureland
- June 24 – Graduation
  - Session 1** at 8:45 : 504, 506, 507, 509, 513
  - Session 2** at 11:00 : 508, 510, 511, 512, 505

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## Reminders

- ✓ Please make sure all homework is completed each night.
- ✓ Tuesday from 2:20- 3:00 are designated for Parent Meetings. Please speak with your child's teacher to schedule an appointment.
- ✓ All students should be independently reading 30 minutes each night.
- ✓ If you wish to contact your child's teachers, you may call the school or e-mail them Mondays through Fridays from 8:00 am – 2:20pm.

## Shared Reading

Throughout the month of March, we will continue to work on the Motivation and Ready NY books. These two books help your child improve comprehension, as well as expose them to a variety of topics and genres. We will also be incorporating the Treasures program again. We will be studying the development of the American West and the role that it played in the history of the United States. In this unit, students will listen, read, and write about the American West. As they progress through the unit, they will also develop and apply key comprehension skills that good readers use as they read. Please remind your child to read each night and keep up with literacy homework assignments.

## Writing

In writing, we will be focusing on short and extended reading responses. We will read a short story and answer a short response question using the RACE strategy. Using this strategy the students will restate the question, answer the question, cite evidence from the text, and explain their answer. We will also be reading two texts and writing an essay in which the students will have to pull evidence from both stories. The extended response question is called a paired passage. Students will continue to have daily writing journals for homework.



## Math

March brings excitement to PS 108Q and our wonderful mathematicians. We have been exploring the world of fractions. This journey began with understanding what fractions are and how to relate them to decimals. What a marvelous concept! We then journeyed through addition and subtraction of fractions. This important concept has real world applications and is important for us to understand and be able to use. From there, we entered multiplication of fractions. Our journey will continue with the discovery of division of fractions. We will explore how this inverse operation of multiplication is used and how to apply it to word problems. All along this journey, we will be reviewing previously taught topics in preparation for our state test later in the school year. Math is an active subject. Our mathematicians need to be constantly engaged and “doing” the math. It is important to stay focused and apply yourself in all that you do. We are going to have a marvelous time in March learning and exploring these math concepts.

## Social Studies

This month in Social Studies we will continue to explore primary resources through historical lenses. Students will learn about the historical lens’ of geographers, economists, sociologists and historians. The focus questions of this unit are “What motivated European explorers to explore the Western Hemisphere?” and “What is the role geography played in European exploration and colonization?”. This month we will complete this chapter and have an assessment to culminate the unit.

## Guided Reading

During the month of March, we will be reading a variety of passages to review strategies that good readers use. We will be focusing on individual reading goals in small group instruction. Students will focus on a variety of skills, such as making inferences, finding the theme, and main idea/details. Please continue to make sure your child is reading at home with their independent reading book and/or utilizing MYON. Students should continue to work on their reading goal at home on a daily basis!

## Character Education

Courage: The strength inside of you to do what you feel is right, to be brave enough to try something new.