

April Curriculum at a Glance:

Reading Workshop:

This month students will study the characters in their books. They will learn how to infer information about characters, noticing what the character says and does, how the character feels and what the character thinks.

Some strategies we will focus on this month include:

- Readers can identify characters and have strategies to learn more about them.
- Readers get ideas about characters and then prove their ideas by using text evidence.

Support our work at home:

Discuss the characters in the just right books sent home. Ask your child to describe the characters by their traits and actions.

Ask questions such as:

What is the character feeling/thinking? How do you know?
What kind of person is the character? How do you know?
Are you like or unlike the character? Why?



Writing Workshop:

Unit of Study: Poetry

In this unit, children will be immersed into the sights and sounds of poetry. They will learn how to observe everyday objects with a poet's eye, by writing what they see in a fresh way.

The students will be encouraged to write a variety of poems. They will learn how to experiment with beautiful language, using line breaks to convey meaning, mood and rhythm.

Math Workshop: This month we will be finishing up "Geometry" and beginning "Mental Arithmetic, Money, and Fractions". The students will review money and place value as well as being introduced to fractions.

The children will specifically focus on:

- *Working with money including the dollar bill
- * Place value concepts to the hundredths place
- *Understanding fractional parts of a whole.

Quick skills to practice at home:

- Place values
- Counting coins (including the dollar bill)
- Fractions

Social Studies: In April we will begin our study of the neighborhood with observation of the streets right around the school. We will be considering the natural and manufactured elements, the kinds of buildings we have on our block, and the kinds of signs and other "street furniture" that helps people navigate our neighborhood.

Trips:

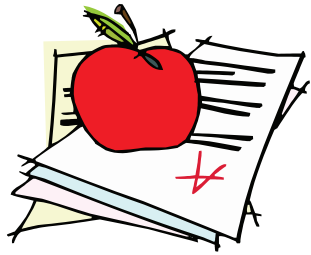
In April we will have several walking trips to support the social studies curriculum. In May we have trips planned to the Transportation Museum and to the NY Aquarium.

May's Coming Attractions:

Friday, May 9th Spring Flower Sale

Tuesday, May 20th PTA Meeting 7pm

Monday, May 26th Memorial Day:
No School



Reminders:

Monday, April 21st- Friday, April 25th School is closed for Spring Break.

Tuesday, April 29th PTA Meeting 7pm

