

January Newsletter 2017

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Blowing Into the New Year!

First and foremost, we would like to wish you and your family a Happy New Year! We hope you were able to rest and relax with your loved ones over the break. With less than three months to go until the NYS ELA exam (March 28th –March 30th), it is imperative that you are reading you're your child and asking them rich, meaningful questions. In addition, the DOE is monitoring students' attendance to school and their academic success. With that said, please make sure your child is arriving to school every day on time. If your child is absent from school, please make sure they return to school with an absence note from either a doctor or parent/guardian. A student's academic success requires 90% attendance.



Important Reminder: Please check homework and homework folders EVERY night. Folders have important papers that need to be signed and assessments that should be addressed.

Upcoming Important Dates:

- January 5-CEC celebration at 6:00pm
- January 16- Martin Luther King Jr. - school closed

Curriculum Corner

Reading: Observing the World Around Us

Text: Unit 2 module A of ReadyGen curriculum

Focus: Students will be focusing on realistic and historical fiction.

Ways to help: Expose your child to a variety of texts such as letters, articles, recipes, etc. Ask them questions about the texts they are reading at home. For example:

- What point of view is this written in?
- What text evidence makes you agree or disagree with the author?
- Can you summarize in your own words?

Writing: Creating Narrative Pieces

Focus: Students will be working on responding to one or more texts with writing.

Ways to help: After your child has read a text ask them to write a response to a question. For example:

- Compare ____ to ____?
- Why did ____ happen?
- What kind of a character is ____?

Math: Multiplication/Division

Focus: Students will be working on multiplication and division by one digit factors.

Ways to help: Revisit all strategies taught to the students such as skip counting, repeated addition, using equal groups. Practice the skills they need. Students should be practicing their multiplication facts on index cards.

Science: Unit 3 Matter

Focus: Students will examine the different forms of matter.

Ways to help: Discuss ways that matter impact and surrounds our lives.

Social Studies: Case Study A Community: Nigeria

Focus: Students will examine the geography, economics, government, and culture of the people of Egypt. We will be comparing Egypt to Nigeria.