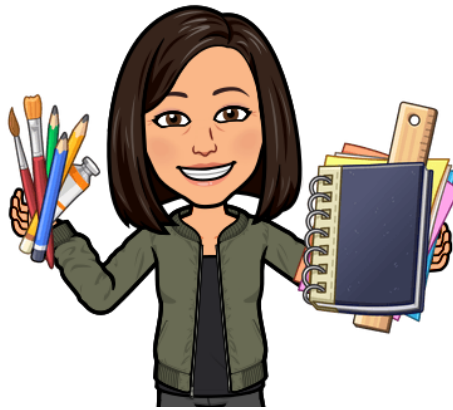


# CLASSROOM UPDATES



SEPTEMBER 5-15, 2023

## LITERACY

### *Reader's Workshop: Notice and Note*

We began our year by learning about the Notice and Note signposts during our Reader's Workshop. We are reminded that good readers take the time to slow down their reading to notice and think about what characters are saying and doing. This week we learn about the last two signposts—"Again and Again" when we notice repetition throughout a story and the "Memory Moment" when the author stops the action of the story to go back in time to share an important memory. As readers, we stop and think about why the author includes these signs in their writing. Why are these details important? What can I learn about the character or how might this impact the rest of the story?

### *Reader's Workshop: Schoolwide Launch Unit*

Once we complete our mini-lessons with Notice & Note, we will continue to practice identifying signposts as we read Towers Falling as a class to model and practice expectations for this year's book clubs. We will also begin our Schoolwide mini-lessons which will focus on strategies we will use as readers like stopping and jotting down our ideas, selecting good fit books while pushing ourselves to grow as readers, and holding meaningful conversations with others about what we read.

### *Writer's Workshop: The Writing Community*

As we work to establish routines in our writer's workshop, we've had the chance to enjoy and discuss fun ways to play with fracturing a fairy tale, as well as use our imaginations to create new creatures to describe through poetry. This week we will explore the personal narrative genre as we learn from the published work of Patricia Polacco. Next week, our writer's workshop will have us playing with point of view in our writing.

### MATH IN FOCUS with MRS. McLOONE

#### *Unit 1: Whole Numbers and the Four Operations*

In this first unit, the students will be reviewing place value, multiplying and dividing by two-digit numbers, and learning about the order of operations. **A test on Unit 1 is tentatively scheduled for Friday, September 15.** Mrs. McLoone will reach out if the date needs to be pushed back.

### BIG IDEAS MATH with MRS. CIONI

#### *Unit 1: Numerical Expressions and Factors*

We will wrap up our unit over the next two weeks learning about prime factorization, greatest common factors, and least common multiples. **A test on Unit 1 is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 19.**

### SCIENCE

#### *Earth in Space*

This week, we will take part in an investigation of the sun and explore concepts and patterns related to day and night. Next week our investigation of the sun and other stars will continue as we learn about constellations and observe seasonal patterns in our night sky.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **September 4 No school: Labor Day**
- ✓ **September 6 MAP Testing (Math) 1:15–3:00 PM**
- ✓ **September 17 Happy Birthday, Sloane!**
- ✓ **September 24 Happy Birthday, Rafael!**
- ✓ **September 25 No School: Yom Kippur**
- ✓ **September 26 Morning band rehearsals begin at 8:00AM**
- ✓ **September 27 Monday Schedule**
- ✓ **September 28 Happy Birthday, Katie!**

If at any time you or your child have any questions regarding this information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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