

# Second Grade Newsletter

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2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teachers

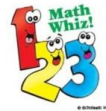
**Reading Workshop:** In the month of December, the students will continue reading nonfiction texts to grow knowledge about topics of interest. They will learn to determine the main idea and find details to support it, understand content vocabulary, and work on tricky word strategies. They will sort and categorize information and use what they learn to grow big ideas. Students will compare and contrast information across books and learn to ask questions on topics of interest.



## Writing Workshop

Students will continue with the Information Writing Unit. The students will be writing informational texts on subjects that they have an expertise in to teach their readers all about their topics. Students will focus on nonfiction structure, presentation, main idea, supporting details and writing with a voice.

## Math



We will be learning to use our understanding of place value to subtract two-digit numbers up to 100. We will learn to subtract using the following strategies: using place value blocks, hundreds chart, open number line, breaking apart, compensation, and regrouping. We will continue to focus on solving word problems and explaining our answers.

## Science



Properties of Matter is our next unit of study in science. Students will be investigating how they can design a glue mixture that is better than what the school uses now? As glue engineers, students are challenged to create a glue for use at their school that meets a set of design goals. Students present an evidence-based argument stating why their glue mixture would solve their school's need for a better glue.

## Social Studies



The students will continue to learn about different kinds of maps, map features, and locating where they live. They will be able to identify the five boroughs, as well as explore pictures of the different landscapes of New York City. They will be making a community map and dig deeper into geographic features of our state.

## ❖ Reminders

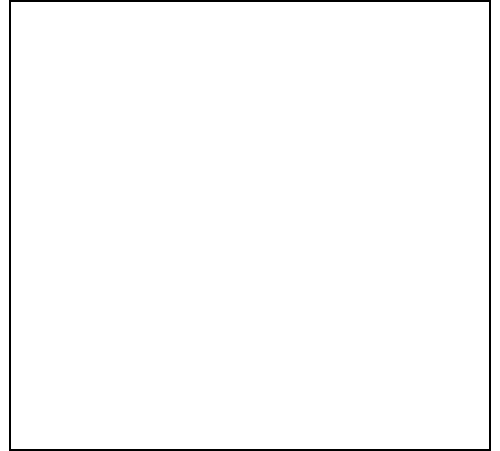
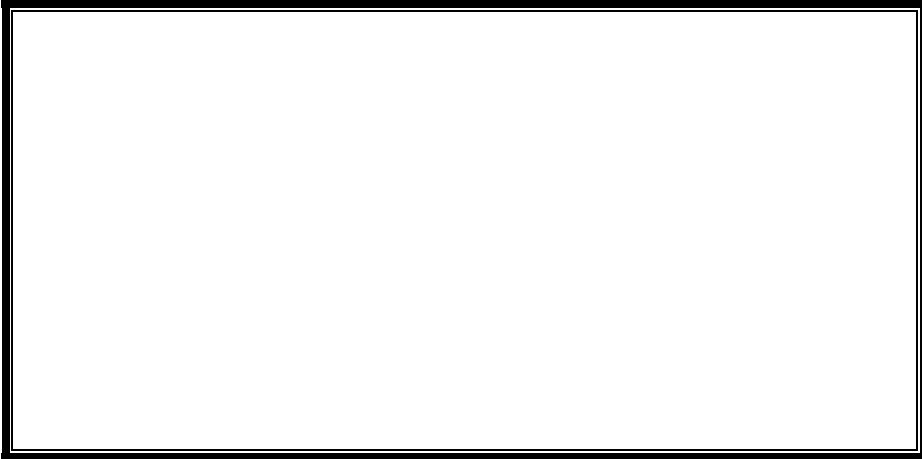
- Please check your child's **homework folder daily** for school notices and upcoming events.
- Encourage your child to do their **homework** neatly and to the best of their ability and come prepared every day with **6 sharpened pencils**, notebooks, etc.
- Please dress your child properly for the weather and label your child's jacket, gloves, etc. with their first and last name.
- **Lost and Found** is located on the school stage.
- Visit the school portal website at [www.PS173Q.org](http://www.PS173Q.org) for school and PTA news and events, and Twitter @PS173Q.



## Important Dates

- ❖ **December 6th - Field trip – Queens College Play Shoemaker and the Elves**
- December 11<sup>th</sup>: Parent Workshop**
- Holiday Traditions @2:30pm**
- ❖ **Dec 21: School Spirit: Ugly Sweater day**
- ❖ **School closed for Winter Break from December 24, 2018- January 1, 2019.**
- ❖ **School reopens on January 2, 2019.**

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