

Second Grade Newsletter

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P.S. 173Q

2nd Grade Teachers



Reading Workshop

In the month of January, the students will begin a unit on Getting to Know Characters and Their Stories- Essential Skills and Strategies for Reading Fiction. The students will be learning how to become more thoughtful fiction readers who think carefully about the characters and their stories by asking and answering questions about the characters. They will be identifying how a character feels and traits to describe a character based on his/her actions. Finally, they will think deeply about the characters and how they change and grow across a story.



Writing Workshop

In January, students will begin to write gripping fictional narrative stories. They will create a realistic character with realistic wants and needs; develop a problem the character faces in getting what they want or need and then finding a solution to the problem using their narrative writing skills.

MATH



We will begin to learn regrouping skills for solving 2-digit subtraction problems. Students need to be able to fluently add and subtract. It is important that students become fluent in basic addition and subtraction facts to help them with more difficult problems. Please continue to have them learn their facts fluently at home. In January, we will also be solving more problems involving addition within 100 and continuing to learn strategies for solving story problems with one and two steps.

Social Studies

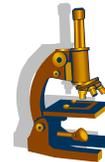
The students will begin to learn about how and why communities change over time. Your child will learn how:

- Changes over time can be examined by using evidence such as maps, population charts, photographs, newspapers, biographies and historical artifacts.
- Changes over time can be described using dates and timelines



SCIENCE

In Science, students will continue to investigate properties of matter. They will investigate how they can design a glue mixture that is better than what the school uses now.



Reminders

- Please dress your child properly for the weather.
- Please label your child's jacket, hat, gloves, scarves, etc. with their first and last name in case it gets lost.
- Please make sure that students are prepared for school by packing their homework and school supplies in their backpack
- Check out the school website at www.PS173Q.org for PTA Events.



Important Dates

- January 1st:** New Years Day- no school for students
- January 2nd:** School resumes
- January 4th:** E-Board Meeting
- January 7th:** Kids Care Club Food Bank NYC Food Drive begins
- January 17th:** PTA Meeting
- January 21st:** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No school
- January 25th:** Last day of food drive

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