

FANTASTIC FIFTH GRADE

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Social Studies

Unit of Study: Mexico

Students will:

- Explore how the geographic features and regional characteristics of Mexico influence human settlement, land use, and economic activity.
- Explore how the culturally rich traditions across Mexico reflect the diversity of the nation.
- Understand how a country's interpretation of its history reflects on its culture
- Investigate the forces and events in Mexican history that led to the growth and transformation of the nation.

A way to help at home:

Ask your child to compare and contrast the geography, history, government, and culture of the United States with that of Mexico.

Mathematics

Unit of Study: The Genre of the New York State Math Test

Students will:

- Apply what they have learned throughout the year to answer multiple-choice questions.
- Practice constructing answers to short-response questions.
- Analyze the features of an extended-response question and practice answering them well.

A way to help at home:

Discuss graphs found in newspapers, magazines or books, and look for patterns. These experiences provide meaningful opportunities for your child to model with mathematics.

English Language Arts

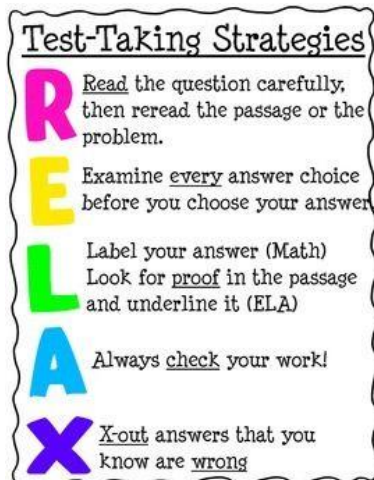
New York State English Language Arts Assessment
Tuesday, April 2nd & Wednesday, April 3rd

Ways to help at home:

In preparation for April's exams, please make sure your child:

- Gets a good night's sleep each night
- Brings at least three sharpened #2 pencils to school each day and a healthy snack
- Arrives at school on time

Please encourage your child to do his/her best each day and remind them to RELAX!



Sanford Harmony

Unit of Study: Problem Solving

Students will:

- Identify common conflicts that occur at school and discuss different approaches to resolving these conflicts.
- Recognize their own conflict style and practice identifying the consequences associated with each style.

A way to help at home:

Discuss the approach that different family members have used to resolve conflict and the costs and benefits of each approach.

Science - Mrs. Rothenberg

Unit Question - What happens when two substances are mixed together?

Our fifth graders will continue their work as food scientists this month. So far they have learned:

- All molecules of one substance are exactly the same, and they are different from molecules of any other substance.
- Different molecules have different properties.
- The properties of a substance are determined by the properties of its molecules.
- Some solids dissolve in water, and others do not.
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This month we will continue to investigate the following question:

Chapter 3: Why can salad-dressing ingredients separate again after being mixed?

Music - Mrs. Glemboski

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In 5th Grade Music, students are continuing to learn about how to play the guitar. In addition to guitar, students will obtain a deeper understanding of vocal techniques in choral music. Musicians will also begin to work on songs for our upcoming 5th Grade Graduation Ceremony. All music must be memorized for graduation. Please visit our music website for rehearsal resources at:

<http://mrsglemboskismusicroom.weebly.com/>

Computers - Mr. Caniano

This month our students will be using Weebly Education to create their own websites. The students will have a personal log in account to create their website. The student created websites will be set to private so that only the users with the password can access the site. The link to Weebly Education can be found at Ps221q.org. Please contact me if your child is having issues logging into their website from home.



ART-Ms. Pecoraro

Students will begin working on a multimedia project that will be displayed at their Stepping Up Assembly in June. We are currently working hard to collaborate and develop our ideas for this fun project!

Look out for your child's awesome **Square 1 Art** Coming Soon!

Supporting the Arts at Home:

Spring is in the air! Take a trip and go visit a museum or exhibit with your child! Here is a link with great museum resources:

<https://www.timeout.com/new-york-kids/museums/nyc-museums-best-exhibits-for-kids>



Physical Education - Mr. Stewart

Last month we started "Kid's Challenge" to assess skill and fitness performance. We will progress to using short handled implements during net games for sports like badminton and tennis. We will continue learning about health, nutrition, and disease prevention. In April we begin our baseball unit by focusing on base running, batting and fielding. Students will be able to adjust equipment, batting line-ups and fielding positions to create a differentiated environment! Spring into action by practicing catching cues with your learner!

Looking Ahead:

April 2nd & April 3rd - NY State ELA Exam

April 5th- PTA Family Fun Night 6 p.m.

April 10th- International Food Fair

April 15th- Dad's Den 6:30 p.m.

April 19th-26th- Spring Break (School closed)