



PS 221Q

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KINDERGARTEN "KORNER"

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Teacher's College Reading Workshop:

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Unit of Study: Reading for Information

- Readers of non-fiction can learn about a topic by going straight to a particular page using the table of contents
- Readers of non-fiction need to know where to read by looking for a heading, caption, diagram, text boxes, etc.

A way to help your child:

Have your child point to the different non-fiction features of a book as you are reading with them.

Teacher's College Writing Workshop:

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Unit of Study: "How To" Writing

- Writers think about things we know how to do so we can teach others.
- Writers come up with topics for "How to Books" by thinking of something they can do well.
- Writers write a "How to" with sequential words using "first, then, next, last, after that, and finally."

A way to help your child:

Talk about some things your child can do well. Some examples are playing an instrument, sport, or making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

Foundations (Word Work): letters and sounds; sight words. (continued)

Unit of Study: Blending words with three sounds

- "tapping out" CVC words
- Sentence structure
- Silent "e" words (made, make)
- Decoding strategies

A way to help your child:

Practice saying three sounds and have your child listen carefully to guess the word. For example, say the sounds c-a-t. This activity will help in developing blending skills.

Go Math: Chapter 8: Represent, Count, Write 20 +

- Hands on: Model and count to 20 and up
- Count and order to 20
- Comparing numbers to 20
- Count to 50 by ones
- Count to 100 by 10's

A way to help your child: Make a set of number flash cards. Then ask your child to place the number cards in the correct order from 1 to 20. Have your child point to each card and count forward from the number 1.

Sanford Harmony (Social Emotional):

Continue to work with social emotional awareness, cultivating strong relationships, self-awareness, self-management, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making. We have weekly class discussions on various topic questions, buddy work and lessons.

Ways to help your child:

www.sanfordharmony.org

www.conversationstarters.com/kids

Social Studies: Geography, People and the Environment (continued)

Students will cultivate civic responsibility and awareness, understand the diversity of multiple perspectives and foster historical thinking skills, nurture inquiry and critical thinking.

A way to help your child:

Discuss what makes up a community; where do we live (Little Neck-> New York City-> New York-> United States of America-> North America); and landmarks.

Amplify Science: Needs of Plants and Animals

Students will start to explore parts of plants, life cycle of plants; and animals and their habitats.

A way to help your child:

Identify parts of real plants and discuss each parts' functions.

www.brainpopjr.com

www.mysteryscience.com

MUSIC - MRS. GLEMBOSKI

In Kindergarten Music, we will continue to learn songs that will help your child discover melodic contour, explore tempo, and identify high and low pitches in musical pieces. Also, kindergarten students will begin practicing songs for our Kindergarten Stepping-Up Ceremony at the end of the year. Encourage your child to share the songs they have been learning in class with you! Please visit our music website at:

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

Looking Ahead:

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)



ART - Ms. Pecoraro

Students will create fun fish artworks! Look out for your child/children's awesome Square 1 ArtComing 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>



Computers - Mr. Caniano

This month, our kindergarten students will continue working with *ABC Mouse*. This month, we will be focused on Science and Art activities. *ABC Mouse* is an excellent resource for our students to work on reading, math, science and art. *ABC Mouse* can be accessed from home. The link is found at ps221q.org under class websites. The username is tcaniano@schools.nyc.gov and the password is ps221q.



Physical Education - Mr. Stewart

This month we will practice dances we'll be performing [May 24th](#), at the Dance Festival. Dance helps to build our students physical ability by working on their footwork, rhythm, and coordination. Dance is also an excellent cardiovascular activity that helps to keep a healthy functioning heart. Students will continue to participate in activities and games that will improve their awareness, body control and object manipulation after dance practice. Our Spring Dance Festival is getting off to a great start and I'm excited for you to see our moves!