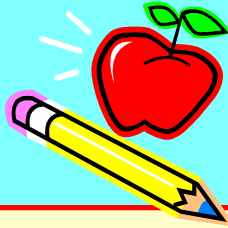




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PS 221Q

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KINDERGARTEN "KORNER"

Mrs. Ku and Mrs. Sullivan; Ms. Nguyen; Mrs. Kirsch; Mrs. Pappas

Teacher's College Reading Workshop:

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:

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.

Unit of Study: Uppercase letters, blending words with three sounds

- Uppercase letter formation
- "tapping out" CVC words
- Story prediction
- Silent "e" words (made, make)

A way to help your child:

Have your child practice matching uppercase letters to lower case letters with their corresponding sound.

Math: (continue with subtraction and) Represent, Count and Write 11-19

- Hands on: Model and count to 20
- 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):Communication

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: Transportation

Students will learn about ways to travel around their neighborhood and discuss other ways of travel.

A way to help your child: Point out various modes of transportation as you make your way around the neighborhood. Discuss distances and which kind of transportation would be best to use, i.e. airplane to travel to another state; bicycle to travel to a nearby friend's house.

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 - Ms. Ditmars

This month, to celebrate Women's History Month, we will be learning to sing multiple diverse songs that were either composed or performed by famous women. Also, the students will be continuing to learn how to identify various elements of music through answering questions about their playing and singing. Additionally, the students will be focusing especially on improving their singing techniques this month. At home, ask your student to share a favorite song that they have learned in Music class.



ART - Mrs. Matsias

Students will work on dynamic drawings in the art room for a school wide fund raiser that will take place later this year...Square 1 Art is back! ☺

Supporting the Arts at Home:

Set aside a little time and make a craft project with your child! Here is a link with some great ideas: <http://www.parents.com/fun/arts-crafts/> Have FUN!



Physical Education - Mr. Stewart

We will continue focusing on manipulative skills. These consist of underhand throw, bouncing and catching a ball, dribbling a ball, kicking a ball, and volleying a balloon. We are practicing body control by tumbling. Some of the movements we are learning are the log roll, forward roll, and bridge. Practice these on a soft surface at home with an adult. Play a game of catch at home making sure to modify for your child's skill level. Allow the ball to bounce once or twice before they catch, then progress to no bounces.



Computers - Mr. Caniano

In March, our kindergarten students will be using *ABC Mouse* to complete math activities. I like to think of *ABC Mouse* as an online Pre-K and Kindergarten classroom where students can work on a variety of activities from reading, math, art, music and even puzzles. The link to *ABC Mouse* can be found at PS221q.org. The username is tcaniano@schools.nyc.gov and the password is [ps221q](http://PS221q.org). Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Looking Ahead:

Parent Teacher Conferences: 3/5

Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat Trip: 3/23