



THE FIFTH DIMENSION

PS/IS 30 5th Grade Newsletter - March 2019

Hello 5th Grade families!

We hope you have had a restful and relaxing mid-winter recess. We are glad to be back and excited to start some new units this month. Here's what students will be working on in March:

In ELA, we will be working on creating eBooks based on our study of the rainforest. We are delving more deeply into the narrative writing process and the difference between first and third person narratives.

In Math, we will be completing our unit on adding and subtracting fractions with unlike denominators. Then we will be starting a new unit on multiplying and dividing fractions.

In Social Studies, we are beginning a unit on European exploration and its effects on the indigenous cultures of the Western hemisphere.

In Science, we will continue to study food science. We will be completing our investigation on why some salad dressings have sediments and others do not, and beginning an investigation on separating ingredients that have been mixed.

Reminders:

- All students who are not picked up on time during dismissal will be relocated to the auditorium, not the main office. Please use the main entrance to the school if coming to pick up a child after 2:30 PM.
- Students are required, according to the uniform policy, to wear khakis (beige or navy blue colored). Leggings or pants of other colors do not comply with the uniform policy.
- Parent engagement takes place EVERY Tuesday from 2:30 to 3:00 PM! If you would like to set up an appointment, contact your child's teacher. We also welcome walk-ins!

Congratulations to our
students of the month!

501

Safaa Elharba
Kevin Gomez Martínez

502

Yishuo Chen
Kevin Zhang

503

Cristian Hernandez
Zulma Culebra

504

Ayat Nagi
Saeed Yahya

565

Rose Pacheco

ELA TEST PREP STRATEGIES

1. **REVIEW THE DIFFERENT QUESTION FORMATS:**

To be successful on exams students must be familiar with the different question formats and feel comfortable moving between a scantron and their test packet. Practice using different strategies for multiple choice and open ended response questions.

2. STRENGTHEN STUDENT VOCABULARY: Unfamiliar vocabulary in a literary text or a standardized test can confuse and/or discourage students. Practice using strategies for understanding vocabulary words and familiarize yourself with test terms.

3. USE PRACTICE PROMPTS: Review test questions and complete practice tests from previous ELA state exams which can be found on engageny.org.

Upcoming Dates:

March 2nd – Saturday Academy Begins

March 8th – Student of the month Assembly

March 12th – Coffee Hour with
Ms. Heeraman

March 26th – Half Day & Parent Teacher
Conferences

Week of March 25th – Book Fair

April 2nd + 3rd – ELA State Exam

Teacher Contact Information:

Ms. Ghigliotti: eghigliotti@schools.nyc.gov

Ms. Shabbir: zshabbir@schools.nyc.gov

Ms. Hussein: thussein3@schools.nyc.gov

Ms. Slichter: sslichter@schools.nyc.gov

Ms. Edward: cedward@schools.nyc.gov

Ms. Elshiwiy: yelshiwiy@schools.nyc.gov

Ms. Jean-Pierre:

jjeanpierre3@schools.nyc.gov

Ms. Tucker: ttucker@schools.nyc.gov