

REACS December Newsletter

Greetings REACS Families!

Last month was filled with exciting events and meaningful community building at REACS! We received report cards at the Parent Teacher Conferences, enjoyed our first Homecoming Week, including the Sneaker Ball, and came together for a "Giving Thanks Potluck" that created a positive and vibrant atmosphere.

Everyone in our school community plays a crucial role in keeping it thriving. A special thank you goes to our 8th Grade Homecoming Committee led by our Student Council President, Brianna Djangmah, including Tolulope Amusan, Matthew Schloss, Jayden Menard and Aidan Bobb. They also participated in a Seniors Serving Seniors event, and each of them received such positive feedback.

As we look forward to December, we hope everyone has a positive and festive mindset. Creating a joyful and inclusive environment while maintaining empathy for others is a fantastic approach. Whether it's through festive activities, events, or simply fostering a supportive atmosphere, we hope December brings even more memorable moments for the entire REACS community. Wishing you all a joyful and fulfilling month ahead!

WORD OF THE MONTH: EMPATHY

EMPATHY IS THE ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND AND SHARE THE FEELINGS OF OTHERS. IT INVOLVES BEING AWARE TO THE EMOTIONS, THOUGHTS, AND EXPERIENCES OF ANOTHER PERSON. TRUE EMPATHY INVOLVES A GENUINE CONNECTION, WHERE YOU NOT ONLY UNDERSTAND WHAT SOMEONE IS GOING THROUGH BUT ALSO STRIVE TO FEEL AND RESONATE WITH THEIR EMOTIONS.

IN A SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIKE REACS, FOSTERING EMPATHY IS CRUCIAL FOR BUILDING STRONG RELATIONSHIPS, PROMOTING A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT, AND ENHANCING THE OVERALL WELL-BEING OF STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND STAFF.

PRE-K



PRE-K1: KEHLANI STERLING

PRE-K2: AMIYAH REID

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

HOORAY FOR DECEMBER! THIS MONTH IS AN EXCITING AND FUN-FILLED MONTH FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES. OUR PRE-K SCHOLARS WILL ABSOLUTELY HAVE AN EXCITING MONTH WITH GREAT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AND MUCH MORE. THEY WILL BEGIN THE MONTH LEARNING ALL ABOUT "TREES". DURING THIS STUDY THE SCHOLARS WILL LEARN ABOUT VARIOUS TYPES OF TREES, LIFE CYCLE OF TREES, PARTS OF A TREE, PRODUCTS FROM TREES, LIFE CYCLE OF TREES AND MUCH, MUCH MORE. THERE WILL BE LOTS OF CREATIVE ART ACTIVITIES TO ENHANCE THE STUDY. WE WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE UPCOMING HOLIDAY AND HOW TREES ARE RELATED.

IN ADDITION, THE SCHOLARS WILL ENGAGE IN DISCUSSIONS THAT FOSTER LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS. THEY WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES THAT WILL DEVELOP THEIR WRITING, MATH, SCIENCE AND SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL SKILLS. DECEMBER IS CONSIDERED "THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR". WE WISH YOU ALL A SAFE AND JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON AND A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR!



FUN FACT

THE SCHOLARS CREATED BOUNCY BALLS USING GLUE, BAKING SODA, WATER AND COLORING.

KINDERGARTEN

CLASS K-11: KEHLANIE MCFARLANE

CLASS K-12: FABIAN AGUDO

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

MATH--THIS MONTH IN MATH, WE ARE LEARNING ABOUT PATTERNS, USING DIFFERENT SHAPES, NUMBERS, AND COLORS.

WRITING--WE ARE WRITING ABOUT NARRATIVES, AND UNDERSTANDING REGULAR AND IRREGULAR PAST TENSE VERBS.

ELA--WE DEFINING WHAT IS THE PROBLEM AND SOLUTION IN A STORY, USING THE PLOT 'ROLLER COASTER' METHOD.

SCIENCE--WE ARE LEARNING ABOUT WHAT ANIMALS NEED TO SURVIVE; SUCH AS FOOD, AIR, AND WATER.



1ST GRADE



ELA: FIRST GRADE STUDENTS WILL LISTEN TO AND READ STORIES AND INFORMATIONAL TEXTS ABOUT GETTING ALONG AND BEING A GOOD SPORT. THEY WILL DISCOVER THAT PLAYING GAMES IS A GREAT WAY TO SPEND TIME WITH FRIENDS AND GET HEALTHY EXERCISE, TOO! AS CHILDREN EXPLORE THIS TOPIC, THEY WILL ALSO LEARN ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF PLAYING FAIRLY AND PERSEVERING WHEN THINGS GET CHALLENGING.



MATH: FIRST GRADE WILL BE WORKING WITH ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION EQUATIONS. WE WILL BE EXPLORING FINDING UNKNOWN NUMBERS IN EQUATIONS, IDENTIFYING TRUE EQUATIONS, ADDING THREE NUMBERS AND SOLVING WORD PROBLEMS WITH THREE ADDENDS.

CLASS 101: AMELIA RAMJIT

CLASS 102: OKIKIOLUWA JOJU

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

FUN FACT

CLASS 102 ALSO WORE A HINT OF YELLOW ON CROCS DAY BECAUSE IT ALSO HAPPENED TO BE WORLD KINDNESS DAY.

2ND GRADE

MATH: STUDENTS ARE LEARNING HOW TO SUBTRACT TWO-DIGIT NUMBERS USING DIFFERENT STRATEGIES.

ELA: STUDENTS ARE LEARNING ABOUT STORY-TELLING TO MAKE CONNECTIONS WITH THE REAL WORLD, SHARING AND IMAGINATION.

WRITING: STUDENTS ARE LEARNING HOW TO WRITE IMAGINATIVE STORIES.

FUN FACT:
SECOND GRADE WILL BE VISITING
QUEENS CENTRAL LIBRARY.

CLASS 201: RHAEH FLORENT
CLASS 202: PEARL OMOTOSHO

STUDENT OF THE MONTH



3RD GRADE

OH NO! IT'S SEEMS THAT CLASS 301 AND 302 HAVE DESCENDED UPON THE COLDEST SEASON. TIS THE SEASON TO BE "FROSTY". THE SECOND MARKING PERIOD HAS BEGUN AND BOY ARE WE EXCITED!

IN READING, OUR WONDERFUL SCHOLARS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED TO THE "USE OF WORDS". THE STUDENTS ARE LEARNING ABOUT HOW PEOPLE USE WORDS TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES. A FEW READING SKILLS THAT WE'RE FOCUSING ON ARE ASKING AND ANSWERING QUESTIONS, IDENTIFYING ELEMENTS OF POETRY AND TEXT FEATURES.

IN WRITING, THE STUDENTS ARE WRITING CORRESPONDENCE LETTERS, AND FOR A YOUNG SCHOLAR, LEARNING ALL TYPES OF WAYS TO COMMUNICATE IS SO IMPORTANT. THERE ARE FAR MORE WAYS TO COMMUNICATE OTHER THAN TEXT MESSAGING!

IN MATH, WE ARE SOARING THROUGH OUR TOPICS BREAKING DOWN MULTIPLICATION AND DIVISION STRATEGIES AND PROPERTIES. WE ARE SO PROUD OF THEIR PROGRESS AND RESILIENCY.

LET'S GO THIRD GRADE!



CLASS 301: JAXON FRANCIS

CLASS 302: ANNABELLE WHITE

STUDENT OF THE MONTH



4TH GRADE



ELA—SCHOLARS ARE WORKING ON IDENTIFYING THE AUTHOR'S PURPOSE IN A TEXT. STUDENTS ARE ALSO WORKING ON UNDERSTANDING HOW FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE, DIFFERENT MEDIA TECHNIQUES AND ASKING QUESTIONS BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER READING CAN WORK TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE AUTHOR'S PURPOSE.

WRITING— WE ARE WORKING ON USING THE R.A.C.E.S STRATEGY TO ANSWER SHORT RESPONSE QUESTIONS. SCHOLARS ARE COMPLETING THEIR INFORMATIONAL WRITING.

MATH—WE ARE WORKING ON MULTIPLICATIONS WITH TWO DIGIT NUMBERS USING PARTIAL PROBLEMS, AREA AND ARRAY MODELS. WE ARE STILL USING THE C.U.B.E.S STRATEGY TO ANSWER WORD PROBLEMS. IN 4TH GRADE, THE STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN WEEKLY MULTIPLICATION CHAMPIONSHIPS.



CLASS 401: JOSEPH PEREIRA

CLASS 402: NATHANAEL AGASSI

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

5TH GRADE



CLASS 501: DEKAI BOYD

CLASS 502: HOLLAND TAYLOR

STUDENT OF THE MONTH



ELA: FIFTH GRADE SCHOLARS ARE WORKING ON MODULE 3 IN READING. SCHOLARS WILL BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY AUTHOR'S CRAFT, MAKING AND CONFIRMING PREDICTIONS, TEXT STRUCTURE AND FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE. STUDENTS WILL CREATE PERSUASIVE ESSAYS IN WRITING.

MATH: TOPIC 4 IN MATH CURRENTLY FOCUSES ON DEVELOPING UNDERSTANDING OF MULTIPLYING WITH DECIMALS USING MODELS AND STRATEGIES.

SCIENCE : FIFTH GRADE SCHOLARS WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT THE ELEMENTS OF MATTER.

SOCIAL STUDIES: FIFTH GRADE SCHOLARS WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT EUROPEAN EXPLORATION AND ITS EFFECTS.

**FUN FACT
HOLLAND ENJOYS DANCING TO JAZZ MUSIC USING A DANCE TECHNIQUE CALLED LYRICAL.**

S.T.E.A.M

with Ms. Aymer

GRADES K - 2

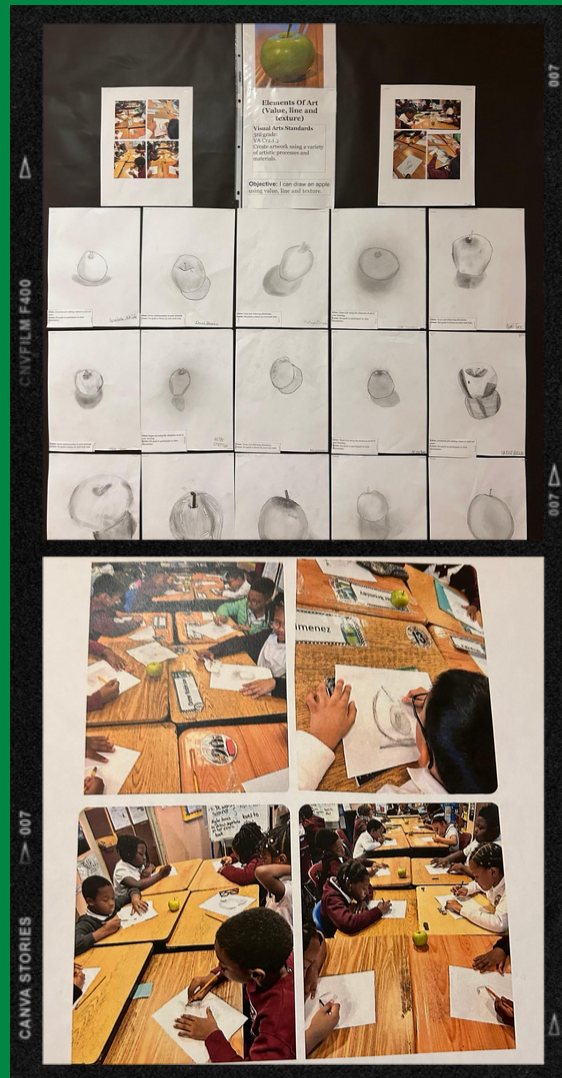


Kindergarten to 2nd grade are exploring Science tools. They are using hand lens or magnifying glass and thermometers.

GRADE 3



The 3rd graders are moving on to drawing geometric shapes. They are going to add 3 elements of art to their drawings.



GRADE 4

The 4th graders are still in the process of completing the Paper Quilling.



GRADE 5

The 5th graders are in the process of completing their 3D cardboard relief sculptures.



6TH GRADE

SCHOLARS WILL EMBARK ON A MATHEMATICAL JOURNEY AS WE MASTER THE ART OF PINPOINT PRECISION! IN THIS LESSON, WE'LL UNRAVEL THE SECRETS OF IDENTIFYING AND GRAPHING POINTS WITH RATIONAL COORDINATES ON THE COORDINATE PLANE. BUT THAT'S NOT ALL - BRACE YOURSELF FOR A REFLECTION REVOLUTION AS WE FLIP AND MIRROR THESE RATIONAL COORDINATES ACROSS BOTH AXES. GET READY TO MAKE WAVES ON THE COORDINATE PLANE LIKE NEVER BEFORE!

MATH

FUN FACT

NNNENA AKAMNONU IS THE RUNNER UP FROM OUR REACS SPELLING BEE. CONGRATULATIONS!

CLASS 601: HAYLEY ANAMMAH

CLASS 602: JASON CELESTIN

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

IN DECEMBER, 6TH-GRADE ELA ACTIVITIES FOCUS ON PREPARING STUDENTS FOR STATE EXAMS BY HONING ESSENTIAL SKILLS. THE MONTH ENTAILS A GRADUAL TRANSITION INTO TEST PREPARATION, EMPHASIZING THE ANALYSIS OF CENTRAL IDEAS, DISCERNING AUTHOR'S PURPOSE, AND PRACTICING THE CRAFTING OF CONCISE AND EXTENDED RESPONSES. STUDENTS ENGAGE IN TARGETED EXERCISES THAT ENHANCE THEIR COMPREHENSION ABILITIES AND CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS. THROUGH A VARIETY OF TEXTS, THEY EXPLORE THE NUANCES OF IDENTIFYING CENTRAL THEMES AND UNDERSTANDING AN AUTHOR'S INTENT. ADDITIONALLY, EMPHASIS IS PLACED ON HONING THE ART OF CONSTRUCTING THOUGHTFUL AND WELL-SUPPORTED RESPONSES, BOTH IN SHORT AND EXTENDED FORMATS. THESE ACTIVITIES AIM TO EQUIP STUDENTS WITH THE NECESSARY TOOLS FOR SUCCESS IN STATE EXAMS, FOSTERING A COMPREHENSIVE UNDERSTANDING OF KEY ELA CONCEPTS.

ELA



7TH GRADE

IN NOVEMBER, STUDENTS BEGAN LEARNING ABOUT RATIOS AND RATES OF CHANGE IN REAL WORLD SCENARIOS. IN DECEMBER, WE WILL EXPAND ON THIS KNOWLEDGE, DETERMINING WHAT RELATES ONE RATE TO ANOTHER, AND PLOTTING THESE RELATIONSHIPS ONTO GRAPHS.

MATH

FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, THE STUDENTS WILL BE CONTINUING THEIR UNIT ON GENERATIONS AND EXPLORING HOW ONE GENERATION LEARNS FROM ANOTHER. STUDENTS WILL CONTINUE ANALYZING SHORT STORIES, A SIMPLE ACT AND AN INVISIBLE THREAD, MAKING CONNECTIONS TO THE UNIT THEME.

ELA

FUN FACT

ISAIAH BELIZAIRE WON OUR REACS SPELLING BEE AND WILL ATTEND REGIONALS. CONGRATULATIONS ISAIAH!



CLASS 701: NATEISHA MASTERS

CLASS 702: JAZIEL RODRIGUEZ

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

8TH GRADE

IN 8TH GRADE ELA, WE CONTINUE UNIT 1: RITES OF PASSAGE IN WHICH WE READ TEXTS OF VARIOUS GENRES TO EXPLORE RITES OF PASSAGE INVOLVING VARIOUS CULTURES, MAKING PERSONAL CONNECTIONS ALONG THE WAY, IN OUR QUEST TO ANSWER THE ESSENTIAL QUESTION OF THE UNIT, "WHAT ARE SOME MILESTONES ON THE PATH TO GROWING UP?" WE WILL CONCLUDE THE UNIT BY COMPLETING THE PERFORMANCE-BASED ASSESSMENT, WHICH IS TO INDEPENDENTLY WRITE OUR OWN UNIQUE NONFICTION NARRATIVE PIECES.

ELA

FUN FACT

GRADE 8 WILL BE TAKING A TRIP TO THE UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS THIS MONTH



8TH GRADERS ARE PROGRESSING IN THE MATH CURRICULUM. WE ARE CURRENTLY STUDYING

THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

TOPIC 2: ANALYZE AND SOLVE LINEAR EQUATIONS

WE ARE 3 LESSONS AWAY TO COMPLETE THE ABOVE TOPIC. THEN WE MOVE ON TO TOPIC 3: USE FUNCTIONS TO MODEL RELATIONSHIPS.

ANALYZE LINEAR EQUATIONS: $Y = MX$
UNDERSTAND THE Y-INTERCEPT OF A LINE
ANALYZE LINEAR EQUATIONS: $Y = MX + B$

CLASS 801: MATTHEW SCHLOSS

CLASS 802: GIANA JEAN-PIERRE

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

MATH

December's Upcoming Events

- 12/1.** -- PICTURE DAY(PRE-K THROUGH 8)
- 12/6** -- CULTURAL ASSEMBLY
-- GRADES 5-8/MATH PARENT &
SCHOLAR WORKSHOP(4PM - 5:30PM)
- 12/8** -- REACS PTO PIZZA POP(GRADES 3-7)
- 12/19** -- REACS "HOLIDAYS AROUND THE
WORLD" SHOW (DURING SCHOOL HOURS)
- 12/20** -- REACS PTO MEETING VIA ZOOM
- 12/22** -- HALF DAY DISMISSAL

WINTER RECESS:

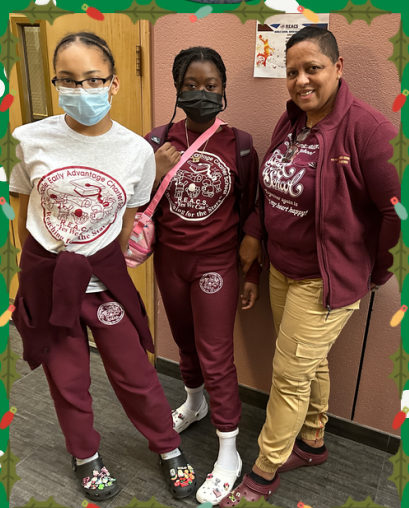
12/25/23 THROUGH 1/1/24

REGULAR CLASSES RESUME ON JANUARY 2, 2024

**Happy
Holidays!**

Homecoming Week

Crocs Day



Homecoming Sneaker Ball



SCHOLAR VS. STAFF GAME

GAME OVER

REACS STAFF WON!

GAME OVER



REACS SPELLING BEE

