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# MANHATTAN SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

OUR K - 8 COMMUNITY

## Upcoming Events:

### **New Vic Theatre on 11/3**

We will be taking the school bus there and eating lunch back at MSC upon arrival.

### **Construction on 11/8**

Please bring your entry ticket (a canned good to be donated)!

## Friendly Reminders:

-Every morning we will begin calling children to the rug at 8:40 AM so that we can start our meeting.

**-If you arrive after 8:40, you MUST visit Caren (parent coordinator) in the main office to receive a late pass before you bring your child to the classroom. Thank you for your cooperation. ☺**

-If you have any questions for us at arrival, please post them on the cork board by our door. We read them every morning!

Hello 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Families,

In Writing, we started a brand new unit! We are writing **How To** books, or "teaching books", that teach readers how to do something. Some of our first graders are writing books about how to ride a scooter, how to bake a cake and how to make a friend.

In Math, we introduced a new math tool called the number line! We learned that we could use a number line to add numbers together. For example, when adding  $6+4$  we can start at the 6 on a number line and count on 4 more to get to 10 on a number line. We also practiced a new routine called choral counting! We choral counted by 5s and had a discussion about patterns we noticed when counting by 5s. For example, children noticed that in one column all the numbers ended with a 5 (5, 15, 25, 35, 45) and in another column all the numbers ended with a 0 (10, 20, 30, 40, 50) and that those numbers were counting by 10s.

We would like to introduce a new math routine next week called counting collectives.

**We need your help to get this started!** For this routine, we need a bag of: **Coffee beans, marbles, coins, dry pasta, paper clips, rubber bands, cubes, buttons, beads, pebbles, colorful counting counter chips, paper plates and clear cups.**

In Science, we learned the "Water Cycle" song and talked about evaporation, condensation, precipitation, and water vapor!

In Reading, we learned a bunch of new reading strategies like looking closely at a word and trying vowel sounds two ways (long and short vowel sounds).

Our **word wall words** for next week are: **first, next, then, last.**