



## THE NEWS FROM 317

### Important Dates

**November 15<sup>th</sup>** - Evening Family Conferences.

**November 16<sup>th</sup>** – Afternoon Family Conferences; half-day for students.

**November 17<sup>th</sup>** – Scholastic orders are due

**November 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Publishing Party

**November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>** – Thanksgiving break.



### An amazing trip to the Canstruction exhibit!

Dear Families,

I am looking forward to seeing you all at family conferences today and tomorrow. Please remember that tomorrow (11/16) is a half day for students.

#### **Publishing Party!**

We are looking forward to sharing our most recent published pieces. We have finished up our unit on personal narrative and would love you to join us on Wednesday November 22<sup>nd</sup>, right at drop off. We do not normally have food at publishing parties, but if someone would be willing to supply a treat that we can share later in the day, please let me know.

#### **Field Trips**

##### *The Nutcracker*

Our next field trip will be to see the Nutcracker at Lincoln Center on November 29<sup>th</sup>. I will post a chaperone sign up in the next week, as soon as I know the exact trip details. Please look for a permission slip in the

next week or so as well.

### NYPL

Our next trip to the to the St. Agnes branch of the NYPL will be on our next Field Trip Friday (12/1). We will leave school right after lunch, and return by about 1:45. I will post a chaperone sign up outside the classroom in the coming week or so.

### LICE

It's still that time of year again, people! Yes, it's true; there are confirmed cases of head lice in the third grade.

Please make sure you are checking your child's scalp regularly. If you don't know what to do when checking, you can ask me, since I have been through it! Please make sure you are checking, though.

***If your child does have lice, please make sure you let me know immediately!! Also, please know that your child must be checked in the main office before they are able to return to school.*** The DOE policy is that a child may come to school with nits (eggs), but no live lice. The thinking behind this is that a child with nits will still be receiving treatment to remove the nits. Nit removal should be ongoing until your child's scalp is nit free. Again, if you have any questions, please let me know.

### Learning Update

#### Writer's Workshop

This past week we have begun our opinion, or persuasive, writing unit. We have brainstormed about problems that we notice around our school or community. The solutions have become our thesis or opinion statements, and we have been continuing work towards our goal of writing a page per day in our notebooks.

#### Reader's Workshop

We are in the middle of a unit on mystery reading. It is a great way to bolster students' fundamental reading skills in disguise as mystery skills. For example; the "who" and the "what" become the crime solver and the mystery, trying to solve the crime is really predicting, and paying attention to clues is really noticing details. Students are splitting their reading time between their mystery books, and their just right fiction.

#### Social Studies

We have started our study of maps and globes. We are currently in the process of categorizing all of our globe noticings into three categories; water, land, and features. Our next steps will be to identify the major components of these categories such as the continents, oceans, and major features like the equator.

#### Math Workshop

We are immersed in our study of multiplication and division. We have begun to look at the array as a model for both operations, and will also begin exploring the Commutative and Distributive properties within this context. Additionally, we are working school wide to begin strategy based fluency centers, as well as content based centers. This work is part of the monthly math workshops I have been attending.

Warmly,

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