

Ms. Moon's May Newsletter

SBAC testing is coming up!

ELA 5/2 and 5/3 Math 5/17 and 5/24 Science MSP 6/1
Science Expo and Solar Car Field Trip on 5/25!

Math

We have begun learning about geometry and are working our way through Module 5 in our Engage NY curriculum. Your students will learn how to calculate perimeter, area, and volume for a variety of different shapes. We will learn what cubic units of measurement are, how to draw 3-dimensional figures, and how to unfold our 3-dimensional figures into "nets". So far, students are really enjoying learning about shapes and applying their math facts and skills to determining the measurement value of those shapes.

Science

By now, I'm sure you've noticed that your students is exploring possible ideas for our in-class science expo on May 25th. Please support and encourage your student. Help them to come up with testable ideas that are simple and easy to do at home. In class, we have spent a lot of time discussing possible ideas that do not require a lot of money, time, or resources to do. We have also been learning how to ask a question, form a hypothesis, determine variables, and plan a procedure. With your guidance, I know students can come up with a meaningful and manageable experiment.

ELA

We are in Unit 5 of our Wonders curriculum. We will continue developing our sense of the author's point of view and character point of view, as well as summarizing a text. Students are practicing using context clues to determine word meaning and making inferences about characters based on the plot and setting of the story.

Social Studies

In preparation for the CBA, students are learning about Freedom of Speech and Expression. We are examining the 1969 case of *Tinker v. Des Moines* and how that Supreme Court Ruling established the rights of students to wear what they want in school. Your students will write their social studies "taking a stand" essay on whether schools should be allowed to ban clothing that is disruptive to learning.