



PS/IS 366: Washington Heights Academy

A Neighborhood Learning Community for Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 8

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Welcome Grade 5 Families!

We are writing to introduce ourselves as the Grade 5 team. We are very excited about beginning this new year in our classrooms. Our 5th graders will have ongoing opportunities to experience and discuss many new concepts, using the following curricula as a framework:

- English Language Arts (ELA):** *ReadyGen / Expeditionary Learning*
- Social Studies:** *Passport to Social Studies*
- Mathematics:** *enVision Mathematics*
- Science:** *Measuring Up*

These programs will be supplemented with additional resources to make student experiences fulfilling and rewarding. Many Social Studies topics will be integrated with English Language Arts. Your children will also continue exploring College and Career Readiness, which is a major focus of our school. Most importantly, we are hoping to maintain strong familial communication because together, we can build the path to success.

Below are some of the topics and themes to be covered in Math and ELA this year.

<p><u>Math Topics</u></p> <p>Topic 1: Understand Place Value</p> <p>Topic 2: Add and Subtract Decimals to Hundredths</p> <p>Topic 3: Fluently Multiply Multi-Digit Whole Numbers</p> <p>Topic 4: Use Models and Strategies to Multiply Decimals</p> <p>Topic 5: Use Models and Strategies to Divide Whole Numbers</p> <p>Topic 6: Use Models and Strategies to Divide Decimals</p> <p style="text-align: right;">... and more!</p>	<p><u>ELA Themes & Texts</u></p> <p>ELA Unit 1: Depending on Each Other: <i>Night of the Spadefoot Toads</i></p> <p>ELA Unit 2: Curiosity & Exploration: <i>George’s Secret Key to the Universe</i> and <i>Our Solar System</i></p> <p>ELA Unit 3: Finding Courage: <i>Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African-Americans</i></p> <p>ELA Unit 4: Stories of Human Rights: <i>Esperanza Rising</i></p>
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Academic Expectations

Students will have many opportunities not only to master the content but also to demonstrate what they have learned. Units of study will include the following:

- Pre- and post-assessments to show how students have grown from beginning to end of the unit
- Daily homework checks and regular quizzes to assess student learning throughout the unit
- Frequent written assignments in all content areas to reinforce and extend student learning
- Collaborative learning activities in which students work in groups, share knowledge, clarify misunderstandings, and support each other's mastery of the learning targets
- Special projects through which students may express individual understandings and interpretations

Classroom Expectations

To achieve success in learning and achieve their highest potential, your child is expected to be on time, to come to class prepared with all supplies, and to pay close attention every day. Students are expected to be active participants, use class time efficiently to complete tasks, and complete all home assignments. Students are also expected to conduct themselves appropriately and responsibly, and adhere to classroom and school rules and procedures set by the school's behavioral system.

We are looking forward to working with you this year to support your child's progress and to celebrate their growth. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns regarding your child or the class. Also, know that we are available, by appointment, on Tuesdays (2:45-3:15). If you wish to meet with us, we can accommodate you as long as you send us a note phone or call in advance.

Sincerely,

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Open School Night

Wednesday, September 25

Please come and learn more about curriculum and instruction, classroom expectations, special events, and how we can make this a successful school year for all of our students.

Student Supplies: Math

to be brought to class daily

- 3 Marble composition notebook {2 -to stay in the classroom, and 1- journal}
- 2 Pencils with erasers
- Glue stick
- 2 Math folders(1 assessments , 1 homework - stays with them any color)
- a ruler
- 1 Scissor
- Dry eraser markers
- Colored Pens
- Text book (provided to students by the school)

Student Supplies: – ELA/ Social Studies

to be used daily

- 2 Marble composition notebooks
- Highlighters (pink, yellow)
- Colored Pens – (red, blue) - pack
- Pencils
- 2 Folders (1-handout/homework, stays with the student, 1- stays in the room)

Supplies for General Classroom Use

Please bring to your Homeroom Teacher

- 1 pack of colored cardstock
- 3 packs of copy paper
- 2 rolls of paper towels
- 2 containers of disinfectant wipes (Clorox, Lysol)
- 3 boxes of facial tissues
- 2 bottles of hand sanitizer
- 2 packs of wide ruled paper
- 2 packs of glue sticks
- 2 packs of 3x3 post it notes (assorted colors)
- 100 top loading sheet protectors
- 2- 1” binders with clear overlay on front and spine (1-black, 1-white)
- 2- packs of ruled index cards