

Dr. Betty Shabazz School

P.S. 298

March 18th – March 22nd

Women's Month



We're only 11 days away from the ELA State Exam

K- 5 Staff

iReady March Madness Competition

iReady March Madness is still ongoing. Classes that move into the next round of the competition will be announced today! Are your students LEVELING UP w/ iReady?

ELA TEST PEP RALLY!

In preparation for the ELA Test, the entire school community is invited to help cheer on out testing students at our 3rd Annual Test Pep Rally being held on April 1st . Testing classes are to create a skit, rap, or performance related to the upcoming test. Teachers and staff members are also strongly encouraged to participate by creating songs or performances to encourage testing students to achieve their best!! Winning performance wins a prize!

Grades 3-5

We are 11 instructional days away from the ELA State Exam. Continue to help students prepare by reminding them of test taking strategies and test sophistication. Many students bubbled in more than one choice for a single question on the recently administered practice test. Remind students to carefully go over their answers after each test to avoid such errors. Also let them know not to leave any answer blank.

How are classes preparing for the Pep Rally? Please do not forget to come up with a performance with your classes for the event. Encourage students to show School Pride!

Regards,
Nifemi Ogunsuyi
Master Teacher

Dear Community of Learners, Important Dates and Reminders:

March 25th Running Records due
Complete teacher survey

Pre-K registration deadline is fast approaching. Remind parents to attend the registration open house this week if they haven't already completed the application.

March 25- Running Records Due in Dropbox

March 28 - 3K Non Attendance Day

March 18th Asset Based Thinking Workshop

March 20th and 28th – Katrina from TC

SLT @4:00 pm March 21st

Crisis Team @10:00 am March 19th

Safety Meeting @8:45 March 21st



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“Greetings! Just a few reminders please plug in the laptop cart while using it and plug it in once it's returned to housing room. Thank you!

Only adults can sign out laptops. All signed out laptops must be returned by 3:20 to its original housing room. It is important that all laptops are returned to the cart that are not attached to your class. Thank you!

Headphones are being ordered so that each class will have their own set.

AppleCare is working on unlocking our iPads!
Thank you for your patience.

Things to try:

When facing computer application problems:

Problem: An application is running slowly

Solution 1: Close and reopen the application.

Solution 2: Update the application. To do this, click the Help menu and look for an option to check for Updates. If you don't find this option, another idea is to run an online search for application updates.”

Siedah Harrison
Technology Teacher

Math Corner

Grades 3 - 5

As of Monday, March 18, there are 26 school days until the NYS Math Exam. Ensure that you are keeping up with the pacing calendar to ensure all necessary content is taught before the state exams. March pacing calendars have been distributed and can be accessed [here](#).

Grades K - 5

As a reminder, manipulatives provide a tactile learning experience for students and support conceptual understanding. Be sure to model concepts with manipulatives and allow students to use the manipulatives during guided and independent practice. Standard for Mathematical Practice 5 is "Use appropriate tools strategically". This means that students should know when to use a tool to help solve a problem and what tool to use. Give each student a toolkit and allow students to pick the tool/manipulative they will use. This also supports student independence.

I will be at Ps 298 on Wednesday and Thursday this week.

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Althea Headlam

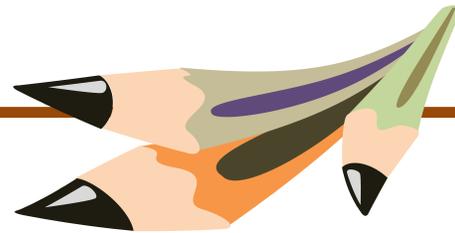
Senior Educational Consultant, Math

Advance Literacy with Ms. Graham

Is our Advanced Literacy HOT?

Six essential COMPONENT skills needed for reading comprehension, and what might help struggling readers improve this skill

- * Decoding is a vital step in the reading process
- * Fluency
- * Vocabulary
- * Sentence Construction and Cohesion
- * Reasoning and Background Knowledge
- * Working Memory and Attention



Composite competencies are the component skills working with Higher Order Thinking (HOT) skills

Higher Order Thinking (HOT) skills

Are our SCHOLARS HOT (Higher Order Thinkers)?

Higher Order Thinkers do more than memorizing facts or retelling literal details.

When we are engaging Higher Order Thinking we:

- * Seek a response through an authority (internet, encyclopedia, or person that has in depth accurate knowledge on the topic)
- * Brainstorm and value others explanation and justification of ideas that are presented
- * Consider alternate explanations and decide how to evaluate the answer ...i.e. Where would we find information to explain my thinking?

We are and will continue to engage Higher Order Thinking.

HOT strategies next week.

Go HOT!!! Go HOT!!!

