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MS. SHAW'S CLASS
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SPECIALS SCHEDULE

Monday: P.E.

Tuesday: Art & P.E.

Thursday: P.E. & Library

Friday: Music & Computers

SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES

This week in Science we will continue with Chapter 16: Work and Machines. We will continue to work with the key vocabulary and read Lessons 2 and 3. The key vocabulary words that we will work with in this Chapter are as follows: work, simple machine, lever, fulcrum, wheel-and-axle, pulley, inclined plane, wedge, and screw.

LITERACY THIS WEEK

READER'S WORKSHOP

This week in Reader's Workshop, we will continue our Fiction Unit. In Lesson 7, students will use the mentor text *Zen Shorts* by Jon J. Muth to learn that writer's choice of words and accompanying illustrations influence their mood and feelings about the text. In Lesson 8, students will learn how to analyze details in a mystery story to unravel the puzzle and draw their own conclusions using the mentor text *The Mary Celeste: An Unsolved Mystery from History* by Jane Yolen and Heidi Elisabet Yolen Stemple.
In addition, we will practice close reading using the text *Waiting for the Biblioburro* and answer text dependent questions.

WRITER'S WORKSHOP

This week in Writer's Workshop, we will continue to practice constructed responses using the Hopscotch model.
We will also begin our Schoolwide Opinion Writing Unit: Patricia Polacco Author Study.
In Lesson 1, we will use all the mentor texts from the unit to discuss the intentionality of Polacco's word, illustrative, and story choices.

MATH LESSONS THIS WEEK

EUREKA MODULE 5: LESSONS 21-24
EUREKA MODULE 4: LESSON 14

This week, we will continue with Module 5: Fractions as Numbers on the Number Line. In Lessons 21-24 students will recognize and show that equivalent fractions refer to the same point on the number line, generate simple equivalent fractions by using visual fraction models and the number line, and express whole numbers as fractions and recognize equivalence with different units.

On Friday, we will continue with Module 4: Multiplication and Area. In Lesson 14, students will find areas by decomposing into rectangles or completing composite figures to form rectangles.

TEACHER NOTES…

Thank you for coming out to cheer on the teachers at the Harlem Wizards game! It was such a fun and entertaining night!

READING TIP…

When reading a fiction book with your child, ask them to use a character's physical description (how they look), thoughts (what they think and feel), actions (what they do), and dialogue (what they say) to decide on a trait that best describes the character. Students will be sent home with a homework assignment to reinforce this skill this week.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 1st – PLC Day, 1:30 Dismissal
March 2nd – End of Trimester Celebration
March 3rd – Report Cards Sent Home; Bowling "A" @ Palos Lanes
March 8th – Board Meeting @ 7:00p.m.
March 10th – Bowling "B" @ Palos Lanes
March 14th – Meet the School Board Candidates Night
March 15th – PLC Day, 1:30 Dismissal