

Dear b224 Families,

Over the past weeks we have been very focused on strengthening all key fifth grade **math** skills. In particular, students have been working hard to master division, operations with fractions and decimals, multi-digit multiplication, unit conversions and basic geometry. Students have been practicing independently, in partners, and in small groups. They also have been challenged to complete math open responses almost daily. We are confident that students will be ready for the **MCAS on May 7th and 8th**. Be sure to encourage your child and make sure they get to sleep early.

In **ELA** we finished our novel The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan. Students are now regularly leading their own book groups. Students have assigned roles and meet with their group to discuss the book, answer Bloom's questions, and share their

assigned work. It is wonderful to hear the fruitful discussions and see collaborative efforts in each group.

In **Science** we recently covered genetics/heredity, adaptations and life cycles. We will now learn about simple machines, and review energy transformation and the water cycle. We will revisit key topics so that students are fully prepared for the upcoming **Science MCAS on May 16th and 17th**.

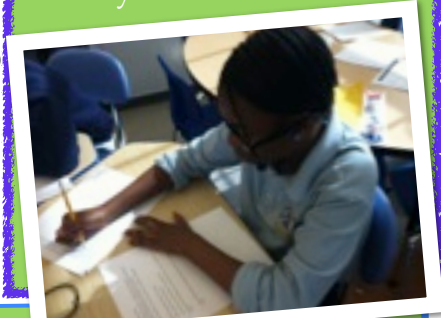
In **Social Studies** students will learn about the early development of the colonies and the beginnings of the Revolutionary War.

We have planned a **Boston Tea Party tour** in June. Please be sure to send back **field trip permission slips** & money by May 10th.

Thanks!

★ Ms. Correnti

**Mathematicians...
..Scientists...
..Scholars!**
Throughout the month of April the students have been challenged to master fifth grade math skills. At the same time they are learning fifth grade science and reviewing key topics from grades 3-4. The students have shown tremendous effort to prepare themselves for their Math and Science MCAS. They are ready! We believe in them!



IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday & Wednesday
May 7 & 8 Math MCAS

Thursday & Friday
May 16 & 17 Science MCAS

VOR Concert 6:30 pm
May 23 (First Ladies Breakfast)


Monday
May 27 No School

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Parent volunteer chaperones** are wanted for June 10th Boston Tea Party Tour. Please call or write a note if you are interested.
- Classroom **donations** are greatly appreciated!

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