

LEARNERS & LEADERS NEWS

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Issue 3



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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mr. Dalipi

Hope everyone had a restful Thanksgiving break. At Learners and Leaders we are grateful for our students and families who do their best to show up every day even when it is not easy. To all our staff and students, we are a family and it is great to see everyone's smiling faces every morning.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LEARNERS AND LEADERS?



We are so proud to announce our student government at Learners and Leaders for the 2023-2024 school year. On Monday, November 13th our 4th and 5th grade students had a glimpse of the democratic process. Students participated in campaigning and delivered speeches during an assembly. Congratulations to all our courageous students and a thank you to our teachers Ms. Danielle and Ms. Kristen.

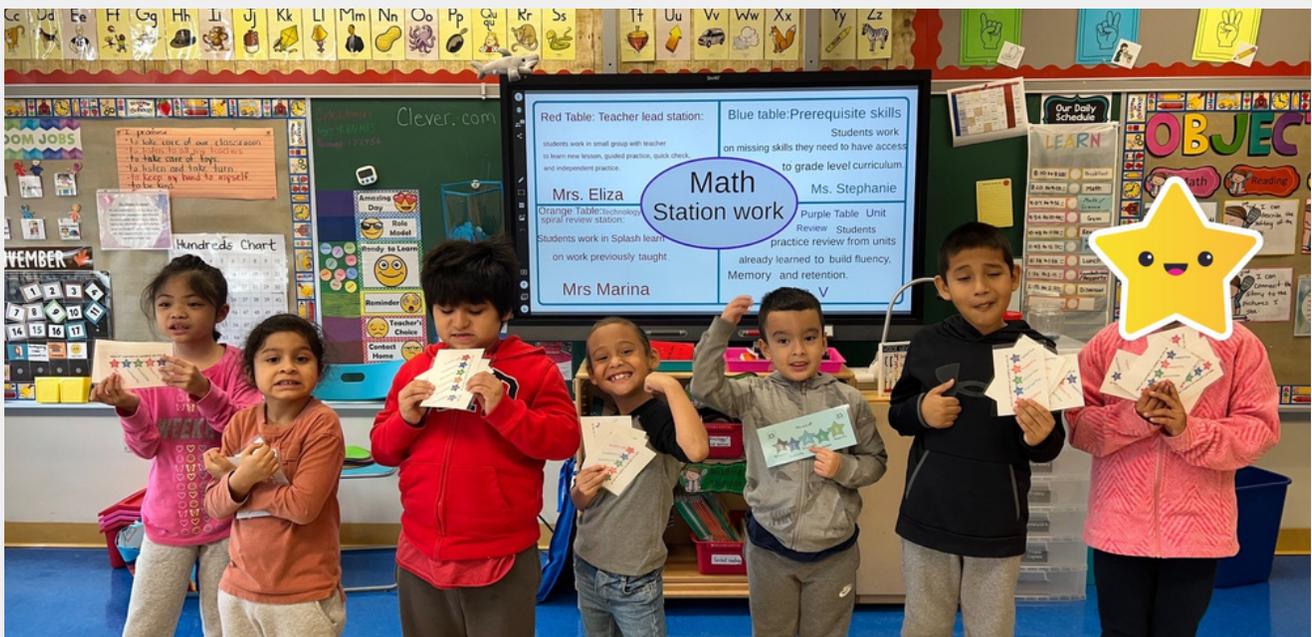
Matt Brickman, a respected figure in the field of meteorology and a familiar face from NBC visited us to share insights about weather phenomena and the science behind forecasting.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LEARNERS AND LEADERS?



5th Grade Cultural Heritage Celebration



STARS is our positive behavior rewards system. Everyday students can earn STARS for their class. To earn STARS students must show Self-control, Trustworthiness, Accountability, Respect, and being Supportive.
STARS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEARNERS AND LEADERS OPEN HOUSE

- Learners And Leaders Open House
 - On Wednesday, December 13 we will be having our Kindergarten and Pre-K Open House. Please help spread the word.
 - 3K and PreK 8:30-9:30
 - Kindergarten Open House: 10:30-11:30

5TH GRADE FAMILIES:

Please be sure to complete your Middle School Applications. The deadline to apply is 12/8/23.

- For any assistance please reach out to Ms. Kearney at akearney3@schools.nyc.gov

REMINDERS

MORNING ARRIVALS

We ask that all students come to school by 8:05 using our entrance in the schoolyards.

Our doors open at 7:50 for early arrival. We will keep the doors open until 8:12. Please note, the school day officially begins at 8:10. If you are late, you may have to wait as we transition our students to their classrooms.

Please be sure to have your children on time so they do not miss a minute of learning.

DISMISSAL

Please pick up your child no later than 2:30. We ask that all parents be in our school yard for dismissal by 2:20 Parents we ask that pets are not brought on to school grounds

LOOKING AHEAD

- 12/8:
 - PTA Meeting
- 12/15
 - Winter Festival
- 12/20
 - 4th and 5th Grade Circle of Dance Performance
- 12/25-1/1
 - NO SCHOOL - Winter Recess



CANDY CANE EXCHANGE

PLEASE HELP US FUNDRAISE FOR OUR 5TH GRADERS WHILE SENDING SOME HOLIDAY CHEER

Send a candy cane for \$1 with a little note to a friend or teacher to brighten their holiday season.

Candy Canes will be available for purchase during lunch periods as well Tuesday Mornings 7:40 - 8:05 Dec 5th, 12th, and 19th in the lobby of each building.

We ask that you pay in cash and all notes must be written at the time of purchase with a teacher or parent present.

Candy Canes will be delivered Tuesday, 12/19

CONNECT WITH US

CREATE A NYC SCHOOLS ACCOUNT

This will allow you to:

- See your students' grades, test scores and more in My Student
- Take classes in Parent University
- Access forms for your child
- Reset your child's DOE account password
- Access SupportHub
- All with one login:
- <https://www.schoolsaccount.nyc/>

JOIN US ON CLASS DOJO

If you need assistance in joining our class DOJO please reach out to our parent coordinator Ms. Michelle Bordoy Soto. She can be reached via email at: mbordoysooto@schools.nyc.gov

FOR MORE VISIT:

www.ps305.com

THE CLUSTER CHRONICLES

LEARNERS AND LEADERS



WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

- A note from the teachers
- What we have been learning

A NOTE FROM THE CLUSTERS

Ms. Kristen, Ms. Ellie, Mr. Spector & Mr. Ronny

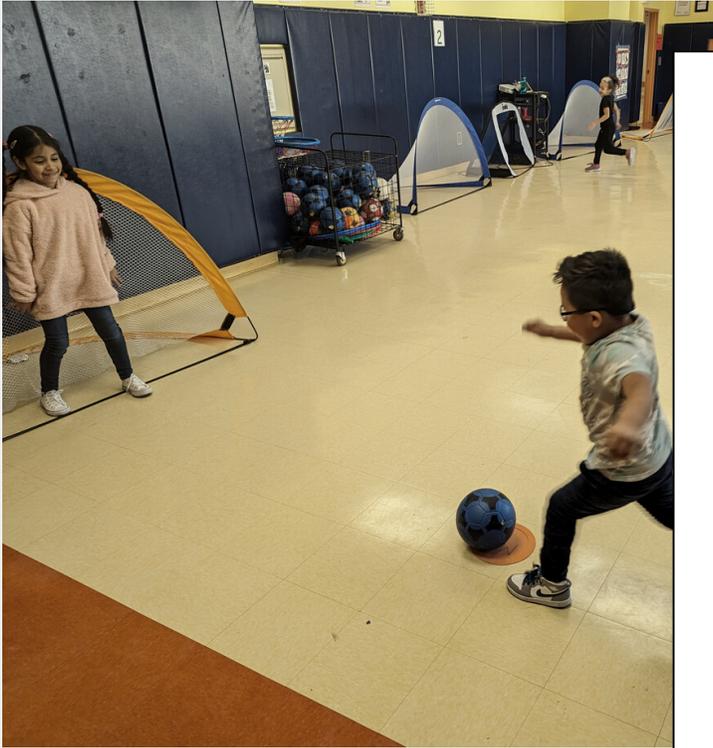
As we approach the fourth month of the school year, we wanted to take a moment to share some highlights and important updates from our cluster of teachers.

We are incredibly proud of the progress and growth we have witnessed in our students over the past few months. From academic achievements to personal development, each child has shown resilience and determination in their learning journey.

We have seen wonderful examples of creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration in the classroom, and we are excited to continue nurturing these skills.

As we look ahead to the coming months, we have some exciting learning opportunities and events planned for our students. We are committed to providing a supportive and engaging learning environment that fosters curiosity and a love for learning. Our goal is to continue inspiring and empowering each student to reach their full potential.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



K-2

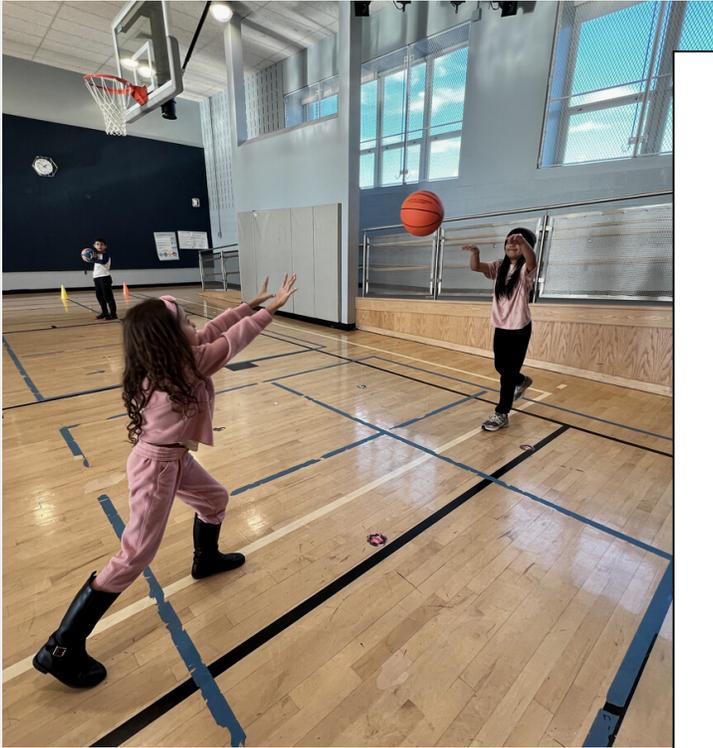
Mr. Ronny & Ms. Kristen

In Mr. Ronny's P.E. class, during the month of November, we introduced and practiced a new sport, soccer! Soccer is a great way for students to develop their physical abilities and coordination.

Every week, the students had the opportunity to exercise and develop their soccer skills, passing, dribbling, shooting, and being goalies. The goal for practicing these soccer skills is to ultimately be able to implement them in a real soccer games, as they mature and get older.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION



3-5

Ms. Kristen & Mr. Ronny

We are thrilled to provide you with a recap of the Basketball unit that your child has been participating in during their physical education classes. This unit has been an exciting journey into the world of basketball, focusing on skill development, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

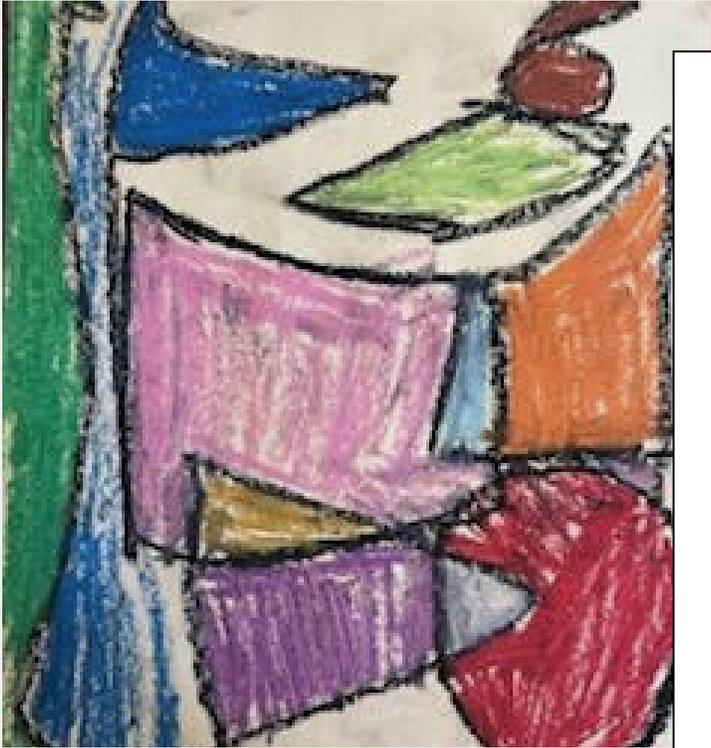
The Basketball unit spanned over 4 weeks and aimed to introduce our students to the fundamental skills, rules, and strategies of basketball. Throughout the unit, students engaged in a variety of activities and drills to develop their dribbling, passing, shooting, and defensive skills. The unit culminated in small-sided games, allowing students to apply the skills they learned in a game setting.

We are proud of the progress and enthusiasm displayed by our students throughout this unit. We believe that the skills and values they have gained will continue to benefit them both on and off the court.

As we move on from Basketball, we will be starting our soccer unit in December!



ART



K-2

Ms. Ellie

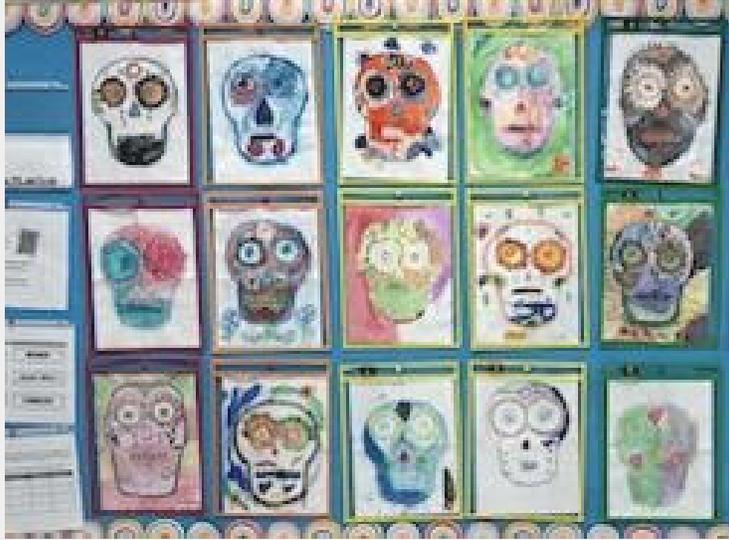
In October and November we focused on the elements of art. We started with a focus on lines and explored this element through paint! Students drew all types of lines with crayon and saw the joy of wax resist when painting with water color over their crayons!

We also celebrated the season of Fall with leaf rubbings and color mixing (red + yellow = orange) and learned how to draw a pumpkin on our homemade orange painted paper!

We concluded November by discussing organic and geometric shapes and using kwiksticks (huge hit!) to design artwork with exclusively geometric shapes and then exclusively organic shapes. The results were amazing!



ART



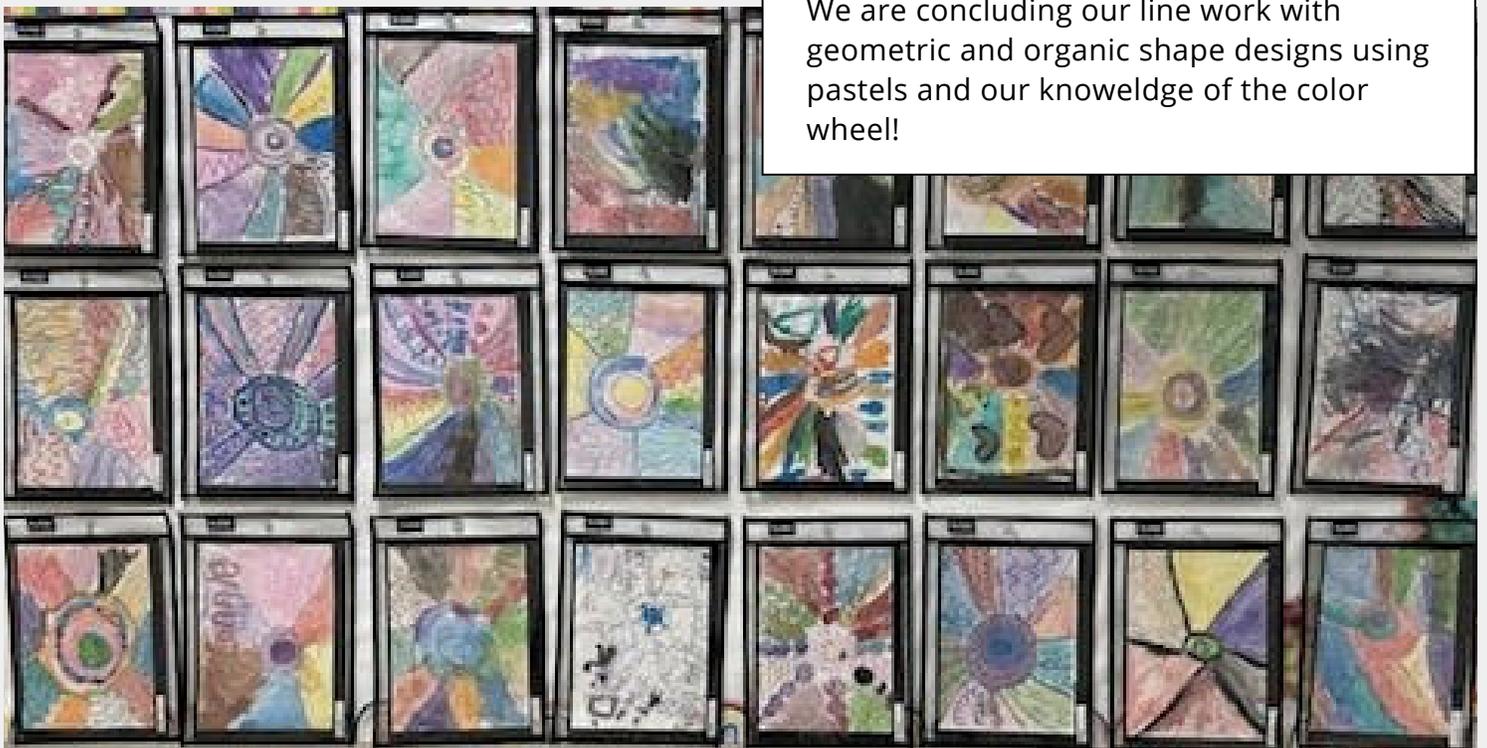
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Ms. Ellie

In October and November, we explored the elements of art with a focus on lines by studying Joseph Amedokpo, an artist who creates amazing line designs. We used his artwork as inspiration and created our own Joseph Amedokpo works of art, learning about zentangles (repeated lines within a space). Once our lines were complete, we used solid tempera watercolor to paint our artwork thinking about the color wheel and warm and cool colors.

We took a quick break from our line work in early November to explore the Day of the Dead through read alouds, peer discussions and artwork. We created our own sugar skulls using pastels and watercolor. We had really interesting conversations around traditions and culture throughout this project!

We are concluding our line work with geometric and organic shape designs using pastels and our knowledge of the color wheel!



THEATER

K-1

Mr. Spector

In the heartwarming days of November, our theater exploration unfolded in the beautiful land of friendship! Picture this: we dived into the pages of books that whispered tales of camaraderie, and then, like little theater magicians, we brought those stories to life with our very own acts.

As the pages turned, we discovered the art of making new friends. But we didn't just stop at reading – oh no! We embarked on a journey of living out these stories, using the powerful language of our bodies, the symphony of our emotions, the canvas of our facial expressions, and the rhythmic dance of repetitive gestures, phrases, and movements.

GRADE 2

In the enchanting month of November, our theater adventure whisked us away into the magical realm of Fairy Tales! We dove headfirst into the captivating world of fairy tales where beginnings start with "Once upon a time" and endings promise "They lived happily ever after." It's the stuff dreams are made of!

We learned and discussed how Fairy Tales are filled with elements like the epic clash between Good and Evil, towering castles, majestic royalty, and characters that sprinkle a bit of magic wherever they go. Oh, and let's not forget the magic of threes – where repetition weaves its charm in the most delightful way.

But here's the twist! We didn't just read these tales; we brought them to life through interactive storytelling. Imagine students moving and grooving, adding gestures that spoke louder than words, and creating a symphony of sound that echoed the magic of these timeless tales. And guess what? We've just embarked on a thrilling journey of acting out fairy tales. That's right – the stage is set, the characters are ready, and the magic is about to unfold before your very eyes.



Friends swim and go under water together.



Friends help each other if they hurt their leg.



The girl trades a necklace to Rumpelstiltskin so he can turn straw into gold for her.

THEATER

3-5

Mr. Spector

In the magical month of November, our theater adventure took us into the enchanting realm of Tableaus! Picture this: groups of 4 or 5 brilliant minds coming together to weave tales of conflict, climax, and resolution through the art of frozen images. What's a Tableau, you ask? It's like creating a living, breathing snapshot of a story!

Our creative geniuses brainstormed, planned, built, rehearsed, and performed their masterpieces in front of their class. And guess what? They weren't just performing; they were scored by their peers using a theater rubric.

Now, let's spill the secrets of a fantastic Tableau. Imagine students cheating out to the audience, showing off their facial expressions with a dash of eyebrow magic, and posing their bodies like living sculptures that tell a thousand stories. It was like watching a play unfold before our very eyes!

But wait, there's more! We dived deep into the ocean of storytelling, focusing on three main ingredients: Conflict, Climax, and Resolution. Conflict is like the spicy problem our main character has to tackle. Climax? That's the heart-pounding, nail-biting moment when things get super exciting (or nerve-wracking)! And Resolution, well, that's where we find out if our hero gets a happily-ever-after or a not-so-happy one.

Here's the insider scoop: a story can have a gazillion characters, but the main character is the VIP. Why, you ask? Because they're the ones juggling the conflict, dancing through the climax, and savoring the sweet (or bittersweet) taste of resolution. It's like being the star of the show, and who doesn't love a good star turn?



Logan is on a trip but his plane is crashing into the mountains.



While trying to find shelter on the mountain Logan almost falls off a cliff!



After surviving for days, Logan finds a walkie talkie and calls a helicopter to come save them!