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**Save the Date: Back  
to School Night –  
September 12<sup>th</sup>  
-more info to follow**

## Where Sharing is Caring

Karen Scott-Piazza, Principal

September 5, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome Back! I hope that everyone had a restful summer break. This school year we will continue to provide instruction that is fully aligned to the Common Core State Standards and supports our school's priorities:

### SY 2019-20 Priorities

**Priority 1: To engage students in meaningful learning experiences anchored to social emotional supports that promote college and career readiness.**

**Priority 2: To engage teacher teams in collaborative and collegial discussions that impact teacher practice for the enhancement of student learning.**

We will continue to support our students' social emotional learning (SEL) through Classroom Pacts that establish norms on how students want to feel in school every day. Students will use the "Mood Meter" to help them recognize and manage their emotions in order to persevere through challenging times as well as to celebrate accomplishments and set future goals.

Students in grade K-5 will be immersed in the Teachers' College (TC) Reading and Writing Project. Aligned tightly to the Common Core's instructional shifts, TC's instructional materials include a balance of rigorous fiction and non-fiction texts, build students' academic vocabulary and knowledge across content areas, engage students in using evidence from texts to make oral and written arguments, and develop students' critical thinking skills.

In mathematics, students in grade K – 5 will be immersed in the NYS Math Modules program which provides added instructional enrichment in mathematics and encourages conceptual understanding. Our math program is strongly aligned to the instructional shifts required by the Common Core standards: shifts that focus deeply on a narrower set of key topics for each grade, clearly connect students' learning across grade levels, and ensure students have the opportunity to practice skills and apply their thinking to real-world problems.

In science we will continue to use the **Science Amplify** program which is designed to inspire students to read, write and argue like scientists to gain a better understanding of the world, as they gain the skills needed to master **the Next Generation Science Standards** (NGSS).

Teachers will continue to challenge all of our students to think critically, to read and understand more difficult texts, to do more writing, and to apply the math they are learning in the real world. Please visit the Common Core State Standards website: <http://www.corestandards.org/>, for further information on grade level expectations in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

**Sharing Is Caring** is our school wide theme for our student activities. Sponsored PTA assemblies will support the *NYC DOE Diversity and Equity Initiatives* that promote and foster good citizenship among students, teachers, and families.

Each student will be receiving a blue emergency card which we must keep on file for every student. **Please return the blue emergency card by Friday September 6, 2019.**

We have a great year planned for our students! Please feel free to contact me or Mrs. Lilly Chu, our parent coordinator with any questions, ideas, or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Karen Scott-Piazza 😊  
Principal PS205Q

**First Friday of Every  
Month is 205 Logo  
Wear Day!  
Everyone is encouraged  
to show off their school  
pride with PS 205 Logo  
Wear.**