



# P.S. 182



## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade December Newsletter

### **Greetings!**

We have been working hard each day!

### **Math**

We have been working hard in our unit about fractions. We have been using the clock model to help us visualize different fractions. As well, the clock model is supporting us when we are adding and subtracting fractions & mixed numbers with unlike denominators.

### **Reading**

We have just launched our new unit called *Argument and Advocacy*. We are reading different point of views on similar topics and debating our side with text evidence to support our opinions. As well, when students are reading independently, they need to make sure they are stopping and jotting often in order to monitor their comprehension.

### **Writing**

We are about to launch our new unit called *The Research-Based Argument Essay*. Students will use their research from reading to help them support their writing. Students will state their opinion and provide quotes, facts, and details that will help argue their opinion. Ask your child about strong opinions they have and make sure they are giving evidence to support their claims.

### **Social Studies & Science**

In *Science*, we have been learning about different land formations and geological processes. We have been investigating how natural disasters affect the land around us.

In *Social Studies*, we are learning about the Incas, Mayans, and Aztec civilizations. We are going to discover their contributions and see how their empire collapsed.

### **Important Dates**

December 21st: Trip to St. John's

December 26th-January 2nd: Winter Break

January 3rd: Return to school