

YOUNG SCHOLARS NEWSLETTER

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Essential Questions/Skills:

Identify, analyze, and evaluate patterns
What can we learn from patterns?
How do we utilize visual patterns?
Why do we experiment with patterns??

Content:

Word puzzles
Math puzzles
Hands-on laboratory experiments
Technical Selections and Writing

Materials & Supplies to be used:

Various internet resources
USDA Food Science resources
“Dr. X and the Quest for Food Safety”
Article Resources

Assessment of Student Progress:

Self Evaluation
Product Descriptors
Peer Evaluation

Standards (State, Local, 21st Century Skills):

ELA 3, MST and 21st Century Skills in cooperation, communication and technology

News:

It looks like March is coming in like a lion, but hopefully we will see warmer temperatures and a good deal of sun and we will see the lamb towards the end of the month.

Students expressed their creativity creating and presenting their Endemic, Epidemic or Pandemic disease Jigsaw products. The 21st Century skill of collaboration was again demonstrated repeatedly in this project, with continued success.

This month we will discuss multiple areas of food science and conduct hands-on experiments. We will look at how patterns can help us trace the origin of contamination and through pattern observation; we will learn what can be done to avoid additional contamination. This topic promises to be quite interesting and usually causes reflection on individual food preparation and hygiene practices.

Useful resources for parents:

AGATE NY

Using Public Relations Strategies to Advocate for Gifted Programming in Your School

<http://agatenyc.ipower.com/PublicRelations.pdf>

Notable Dates:

Friday: Superintendent's Day - No Class March 26, 2010

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