



The Fantastic Fourth Grade

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Parent Newsletter – December 2017

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Reading – We will be beginning our Non Fiction Infographic report on an animal they've selected. We will be focusing primarily on using information from different sources to demonstrate understanding of a topic. Readers will be able to compare, gather and synthesize ideas from multiple sources of informational texts.

Writing – We will be starting our Infographic research project on a selected animal. Students will research in class and at home and will build background knowledge before the final writing task. We will also continue to review different strategies for isolating supportive facts and working on summarizing and citing references.

Math:

We will be working on Chapter 5 of the Go Math curriculum. Students will be working on determining factors and multiples, and how to generate and describe number patterns. Students will use models and arrays to determine products.

Social Studies:

We are beginning the second unit of our Social Studies curriculum. Students will be studying how the exploration and settlement of the New York led to interaction among diverse peoples. Students will learn how the arrival of Europeans in New York affected the ways of life of Native Americans there. They will also learn how African culture was brought to New York.

Science

Students will be:

1. Measuring forces using a spring scale.
2. Studying the kinds of forces, such as gravity and friction.
3. Experimenting with simple machines, such as the lever, pulley, inclined plane, screw and wheel and axle.

What's New in Music and Art?

Mr. Cintula: We are working on seasonal folk music from around the world through our textbook series the Music Connection grade four. We are singing together and solo as well as working with percussion instruments and techniques on various songs.

Ms. LaMorte: Students will perform recorder work with B, A, G, E, D, High C and High D, learn line dance and Polka, learn many holiday songs with motions, and self-evaluate.

Ms. Granatelli: During the month of December students will work with modeling clay.

*IMPORTANT DATES

12/6 – Movie trip to Wonder

12/6 – PTA General Membership Meeting

12/8 – PTA hosts our annual Holiday Fair – see separate class visitation schedule

12/23-1/1 – Holiday Break – School resumes on 1/2

News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- Please continue to review your child's agenda book each night.
- Students need to practice the times tables each night.
- Students will be assessed on their times tables regularly.
- Please check and sign their logs. Students need to read each night to help build and maintain their stamina.
- The Infographic piece will need images/pictures for the final piece. Please, help locate pictures of different sizes for your child to use.
- *****Check our instagram and twitter pages:**
Twitter – @PetridesSchool
Instagram – mjpetrides school



"Have a Wonderful Holiday and a Happy and Healthy New Year!"

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PTA News

PTA Meeting – 12/6
Save the Date – Holiday Fair 12/8

A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,

It was so nice to see so many of you attend our Parent Teacher Conferences last month. Communication and collaboration between families and school is extremely beneficial for the success of our students, so we THANK YOU!

I encourage and appreciate your continued support at upcoming Parents as Partners events. It was so nice to see parents up at school this past month to assist at workshops in the classroom, shop at the book fair, and enjoy SING! I look forward to seeing you again soon!

Please continue to dress your child appropriately for the changing weather. We are continuing to send children outside for recess when the weather permits.

As we approach the holiday season, let us remember the importance of family, friends, and fun! I wish you and your families a very Happy and Healthy holiday season with your loved ones.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi



