



The Fantastic Fourth Grade

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Ms. Komar and Ms. Hession

Parent Newsletter – February 2018

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Students will be analyzing persuasive texts and developing opinion writing based on the pros and cons surrounding the issue. Students will be using text evidence to support their interpretation on the discussion topic.

Math:

Unit 7 will focus on developing our understanding of fraction equivalence, addition and subtraction of fractions with like denominators and multiplication of fractions by whole numbers. Students will be working on using models and multiplication to generate equivalent fractions. We will also be working on writing fractions in their simplest form. The unit will also include comparing fractions by first writing them as fractions with a common numerator or denominator.

Social Studies:

We are beginning to discuss the reasons behind the American Revolution. Students have been learning about the beginning of the thirteen colonies, England's control over the colonies, and the start of the Revolution.

Science

Students will be learning about electricity, magnets, conductors and insulators.

What's New in Music and Art?

Mr. Cintula: This current rotation is beginning their study of folk music from around the world in each grade level book. Both classes are also exploring music about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and civil rights.

Ms. LaMorte: Students will study Soprano Recorder, learn note E with new piece of music and coordinate with familiar notes B, A, G, possibly learn note D and begin new piece), and self-evaluate.

Ms. Granatelli: During the month of February students continue working on their self-portrait.



*IMPORTANT DATES

2/11 – Thank Heaven For Little Girls Dance – Tickets on sale now

2/13 – Parents as Partners – Sanford Harmony, 2:30pm

2/13 – 100th Day of School

2/16 – Lunar New Year – No School

2/19-2/23 – Midwinter Recess – No School

2/28 – PAWS Awards Ceremony, 6:30pm

2/28 – PTA Meeting, 7:00pm – Following PAWS Awards

Respect for All Week February 12 – February 15

2/13 Antibullying Pledge

2/14 Wear Pink or Red – Random Acts of Kindness

2/15 Wear Blue – Petrides Pride

News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- Homework is given daily and checked daily. Please be our partner in your child's education by ensuring that they complete assignments in a timely manner.
- Please remember to check the red folders (take home folders) daily. There are many forms and notices sent home which need your attention. Please empty the folder once a week so that it is easy to identify new information.
- Please make sure that your child comes to school with all of his/her supplies, especially sharpened pencils.
- Students should remember to wear or bring appropriate footwear on gym days. Many students are wearing boots to school and forgetting their sneakers at home. Please note that 4th grade gym days are as follows:
 - 422 Monday, Thursday
 - 421 Tuesday, Friday
 - 420 Tuesday, Thursday
- *****Check our instagram and twitter pages:**
Twitter – @PetridesSchool
Instagram – mjpetrides school

"We would like to remind you of the importance of complex text assignments. These assignments help to build stamina and reinforce the skills being taught in class. Please, review the packet with your child and hand it in on Monday."

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Social Emotional Learning Curriculum – Sanford Harmony

This month, we will be focusing on the topic of Communication. The goal this month is to foster the use of effective communication skills during social interactions and cooperative work groups. Students will participate in observational and experiential exercises to increase their awareness of healthy and unhealthy communication patterns. Students will practice using effective communication skills in cooperative learning group activities.

A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,

February certainly brings about thoughts of love and happiness—and I truly LOVE Petrides and all of our families. Thank you for your continued support and for volunteering your time in our school, it really makes our school such a special place. This month, our Kindergarten cuties walked the runway at the Fashion Show modeling the most adorable outfits. Thank you to the PTA for coordinating this awesome event. Please take note of all of the upcoming events planned for this month, we look forward to seeing you there.

My email address has changed. Please use JCaputo9@schools.nyc.gov to reach me.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi



