



The Fantastic Fourth Grade

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Parent Newsletter – February 2020

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Reading – We are continuing to research our animal topics for the Infographic project. Students are gathering research from multiple resources and utilizing text features to locate the details needed. We are also working on test preparation for the upcoming NYS examination. Students will be working in class and at home in their Common Core aligned Test booklets and ELA packets. We will be reviewing test strategies, rubrics, and writing responses to select prompts.

Towards the end of the month, we will be analyzing persuasive texts and providing text evidence to support our perspectives on the topic.

Writing – Students will continue to work on their Infographic research project on a selected animal. The students will be looking into ways to incorporate text features into their final project. Students will work on summarizing the short hand facts they have recorded throughout the research portion of this project.

Towards the end of the month, students will begin to develop their opinion writing based on the pros and cons of a topic, providing text evidence to support their interpretation.

Math:

We are continuing Module 3, developing our understanding of fractions. We will focus on 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.

Also, test preparation for the upcoming state examinations will begin for math. Students will be working in class and at home in their booklets and packets. Students will also be revisiting concepts and completing additional practice.

Science:

Students will continue to learn about different types of simple machines, as well as magnetism.

Social Studies:

Students have been learning about the beginning of the thirteen colonies, England's control over the colonies, and the start of the Revolution. We will begin Chapter 4 of Unit 3, discussing the reasons behind the American Revolution. We will study how people in New York and the other colonies fought to be free from British rule.

What's New in Performing Arts?

Mr. Cintula: 4th Grade General Music is moving forward in Unit 1: Lesson 1 "Shape up and Ship Out". Concepts include: Melody, singing, describing, comparing. Point to visual representations of melodic contour to match them to a musical example. Beginning with the song "My town My World".

Ms. Eliot: Class 422 is starting to learn the different sounds of each instrument and how sound is produced. We will continue with each instrument family to learn what they look and sound like.

Ms. Granatelli: During the month of *February* students will explore "collage" techniques.

Ms. LaGrotta (334): During dance class in February, fourth grade classes will be continuing identifying and demonstrating isolated dance moves of various body parts, locomotor and non-locomotor movements, and dancing with different tempos and rhythms.

*IMPORTANT DATES

2/14 – 100th Day of School

2/17 – 2/21 – Midwinter Recess– No School

News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- Please continue to review your child's agenda book/homework notebook each night.
- Please continue to review multiplication and division tables daily.
- Students will be assessed on their times tables regularly.
- Clean out the RED Homework folder after each Module Task. Save all Math materials as resources for the NYS Math test.



"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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PTA News

February 7th – Pretzels for Panthers

February 9th – Sweetheart Dance, 2-5pm

February 12th – PTA Meeting, 6:30pm

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. Last month, our Kindergarten cuties walked the runway at the Fashion Show modeling their 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.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email me at JCaputo9@schools.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi

