



# The Fantastic Fourth Grade

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## Parent Newsletter – January 2020

### WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

#### Literacy:

**Reading** – We are beginning with researching our animal topics for our Infographic project. Students are going to be gathering research from multiple resources and utilizing text features to locate the details needed for their projects.

**Writing** – Students will be completing their literary essays based on the themes they have identified in the novel Wonder. Students will spend the remainder of the month working on their Infographic research projects (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.

#### Math:

Students will continue working from Module 3, focusing on dividing up to 4 digit dividends by 1-digit divisors, as well as multiplying 2-digit by 2-digit numbers using different strategies. Students will work on using the four operations with whole numbers to solve problems.

Students will also begin Module 4, which focuses on angle measure and plane figures. Students will learn about points, lines, line segments, rays, angles, and circles, as well as the relationship between them. They will construct, recognize, and define geometric objects to classify figures and solve problems.

#### Science:

Students will continue working in their force and motion unit. They will investigate how gears are used to transfer force and motion and they will be introduced to a third type of simple machine: the pulley.

#### Social Studies:

We are beginning the second unit of our Social Studies curriculum. Students will be studying how the exploration and settlement of New York led to interaction among diverse people. 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.

### What's New in Performing Arts?

**Mr. Cintula:** 4th Grade General Music is beginning the new year with Unit 1: Music for Everyone! Which incorporates music and culture. We will explore how music has something to offer everyone. It incorporates listening, moving, singing and analyzing.

**Ms. Elliot:** Students will learn about the different instruments in an orchestra and explore the elements of music.

**Ms. Granatelli:** Happy New Year! During the month of *January 2020* students begin their Visual Arts Component. Students start with learning about the elements of designs.

**Ms. LaGrotta (334):** During dance class in January, 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

1/1 – New Year's Day, No school

1/2 – First day back to school from Winter Break.

1/20 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No School

1/23 – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Kindergarten Fashion Show, 7:00pm

### 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.

***"The start of the New Year is a great time to replenish supplies. Please check pencil cases, art supplies, and folders. All tests should be signed and returned to the classroom teacher."***

***-Ms. Dalton, Ms. Cicale, Ms. Hession, Ms. Meduri,  
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### PTA News

The PTA would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! We are looking forward to 2020 and would love for you to join us for some events this year.

Our monthly PTA meeting will be held on January 15th at 6:30pm and our Annual Kindergarten Fashion Show will be held on January 23rd. Please join us if your schedule permits!

### A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,

I would like to wish all of you a very Happy New Year! So many fabulous things happened here at Petrides in 2019 and I thank each and every one of you for your continued support. The building was filled with parents in December for holiday workshops, shopping at the fair and singing holiday songs. Please continue to join us at upcoming Parents as Partners events in the New Year. We look forward to an even better 2020!

Please continue to dress your child for the changing of the seasons, as we are committed to sending the children outside for recess, weather permitting. Thank you for all that you do and we are looking forward to a happy and healthy New Year with you all.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Ponzi

