



# The Fantastic Fourth Grade

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## Parent Newsletter – June 2018

### WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

#### Literacy:

Students will be completing their narrative writing pieces. Student revisions will focus on adding sensory details, dialogue and further development of their characters. Upon completion of narratives we will shift our focus back to nonfiction. Students will be continuing their work on stating opinion claims and supporting them with detail from the texts. They'll utilize graphic organizers and different resources to record and prepare their discussion points.

#### Math:

Students will continue to work on CCLS based multitask problems in class. Students will work on using their success criteria to gear their responses. We will also continue to preview skills, best practices and approaches for recurrent topics students will revisit in grade 5.

#### Social Studies:

Students will be learning about the early struggles of the newly formed United States. We will discuss different amendments, immigration and reform of the early country. Our classes will learn about Ellis Island and the melting pot of different cultures and countries entering the United States during the early 1900's.

#### Science:

We will be preparing for the upcoming State Science test. Students will be reviewing the concepts that were covered throughout the school year. They will complete the written component in the classroom on June 4th.

### What's New in Music and Art?

**Mr. Cintula:** We are continuing to work on folk music from around the world in our 4<sup>th</sup> grade level book and are learning basic keyboard skills. Also, we are exploring basic percussion section accompaniment to our repertoire of textbook songs.

**Ms. LaMorte:** Students will secure music selections for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation, learn 3 new recorder notes (Low E, Low D, High C) with music selections, learn 2 new dances, identify/apply lines and spaces of music staff, and keep steady beat in Duple rhythm activity in 2 groups.

**Ms. Granatelli:** During the month of June students will be learning about working with modeling clay.

### \*IMPORTANT DATES

6/1 – Ballroom Dancing Culminating Event (Auditorium)

6/4 – NYS Science Test

6/7 – Chancellor's Day, No School for Students

6/8 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Luau Party (kids only)

6/11 – Clerical Day, No School for Students

6/11 – Stepping Up Ceremony, 7:00pm

6/13 – Rescheduled Spirit Day

6/15 – Eid al-Fitr, School Closed

6/19 – PTA Hosting Carnival

6/26 – Last Day of School, half-day 11:20am dismissal

### News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- Homework is given daily and checked daily. Please make sure that your child continues to read and log each day.
- 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.
- Use the summer to reinforce good reading habits. Continue to maintain your stamina by reading each day. Multiplication and division facts should be reviewed regularly.
- **\*\*\*Check our instagram and twitter pages:**  
Twitter – @PetridesSchool  
Instagram – mjpetrides school



*"We are so proud of all of the hard work that went into our Ballroom Dancing Ceremony. The students worked collaboratively and diligently to learn their dances. Thank you to all of our performers, readers and demonstrators."*

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### Our Social – Emotional Learning...

This year was our first year of incorporating Sanford Harmony, our Social Emotional Learning curriculum into our classrooms. The students and teachers loved this new addition. It is a program designed to cultivate strong classroom relationships and supportive learning communities. It creates a classroom where students are empowered to connect, communicate, collaborate, embrace diversity, and resolve conflict. This summer, think about choosing books from the attached book list to read with your child(ren).

### A Note From Ms. Ponzi



Dear Petrides Families,

Time really does fly at Petrides! I cannot believe how fast this year has gone. May was a busy month with much to celebrate. I would like to thank everyone who came out to all of our special events, especially our moms! Elementary Spirit Week was a success with students racking up points for participating in each theme day. We would like to thank the PTA for the delicious watermelons that they donated for our students to enjoy. June is a month jam packed with celebrations and end of year events. Please join us as often as you possibly can.

It was my pleasure working with all of you this school year. Please enjoy your summer vacation and I look forward to seeing you all in September!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Ponzi

