



# The Fantastic Fourth Grade

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## Parent Newsletter – March 2020

### WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

#### **Literacy:**

**Reading** – We are 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.

We will also be analyzing persuasive texts and providing text evidence to support our perspectives on various topics.

**Writing** – Students will be forming short and extended responses in response to reading passages while preparing for the upcoming state test. Students must provide a claim and details to support their answer; for extended responses, students will add an introduction and conclusion.

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 5, 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.

Students will also be visiting Modules 4 and 7. Module 4 focuses on identifying and measuring different types of angles. Module 7 consists of measurement.

We are also engaged in test preparation for the upcoming state examination. Students will be working in class and at home in their booklets and packets. Students will also be revisiting previous concepts and completing additional practice.

#### **Science:**

Students will learn about magnetism and electricity.

#### **Social Studies:**

Students will continue their study of the colonial rebellion against the British. Students will understand that the colonists' objections to British rule helped shape the government that the United States has today. We will also emphasize New York's importance during the American Revolution.



### What's New in Performing Arts?

**Mr. Cintula:** 4th Grade General Music is moving forward in Unit 1: 3 "Rhythm, round, Fun!"

Objective: Perform from notation rhythm patterns containing quarter notes, two beamed eighth notes, half notes, and quarter rests.

Skills: Read, Play, Sing.

Curriculum Links: Mathematics

Some featured songs will be: A Journey, Peace Round, Cannon in D.

**Ms. Eliot:** Class 422 is continuing 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 *March* students in class 420 will continue exploring "collage" techniques.

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

3/4 – Report cards distributed

3/5 – Afternoon Parent Teacher Conferences – 12:20pm to 2:20pm

3/5 – Evening Parent Teacher Conferences – 5:00pm to 8:00pm

3/25 & 3/26 – NYS ELA Exams

### LOOKING AHEAD...

4/22 & 4/23 – NYS Math Exams

### 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 are very excited for our upcoming ballroom dancing program. The students really enjoy learning the steps and performing for their peers and families."*

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### PTA News

March 6<sup>th</sup> – Pretzels for Panthers

March 18<sup>th</sup> – PTA Meeting, 6:30pm

April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Night of Chances – PTA is requesting \$5 donation from families

### A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,

March is the month that makes me reflect and feel LUCKY to be a part of the Petrides family. Last month kept us busy and the help and support from everyone at home certainly makes this such a special place. Parents of 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students, please help us complete the Readers are Leaders challenge presented by Borough President James Oddo's office. Our Sweetheart Dance was a huge success and we would like to thank the PTA for organizing this event. We look forward to seeing you all at our Spring Parent Teacher Conferences on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Ponzi

