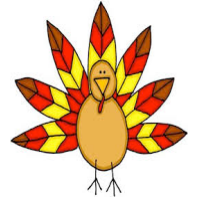


The Fantastic Fourth Grade

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Parent Newsletter – November 2019

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Reading – We are going to be continuing reading the book *Wonder* by RJ Palacio. The students are going to be working on identifying themes throughout the story. Students will also be analyzing the characters throughout the novel. They will be collecting text evidence to support their thesis claims.

Writing – Writers will be completing literary essays based on character traits and themes identified in *Wonder*. Students will be working within small groups to locate supportive evidence for their essays. The groups will be recording their evidence and focusing on specific scenes and dialogue in the book.

Math:

We will be using various strategies while learning multi-digit multiplication and division in Module 3. Students will use place value understanding and visual representations to solve problems. We will be focusing on developing students' ability to reason with the methods and models chosen to solve problems with multi-digit factors and dividends.

Science:

Students will continue to explore force and motion through hands-on activities and work with levers, wheels and axles and pulleys.

Social Studies:

Students will be learning about the early Native American settlements in New York. They will be learning about the different Native American groups that lived in different parts of New York and about the effects of the geography of New York on the first people who lived there.

What's New in Performing Arts?

Mr. Cintula: We are getting to know our Orff instrument collection consisting of: Soprano, Alto & Bass Xylophones and Metallophones, Frame drums, Suzuki Tympani, Tempo Blocks and other exciting accompaniment instruments. We are learning folk songs with Orff accompaniment from our World Music and Drumming leveled method book. The fourth grade pieces consist of slightly larger ensembles that will help them get ready for our performing arts classes in 5th grade. More method books with Orff arranged pop songs are on the way too!

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

Ms. Granatelli: During the month of November, students will learn how to create a collage. All art materials are provided in class.

Ms. LaGrotta (334): During dance class in November, 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. We will begin working on our alphabet unit, which allows the students to be creative and make the letters of the alphabet with their body!

*IMPORTANT DATES

11/5 – Election Day, No School for students

11/11 – Veteran's Day, No School

11/13 – Report Cards Distributed

11/14 – Half day of school, 11:20am dismissal

Afternoon Parent Teacher Conferences: 12:20pm – 2:20pm

Evening Parent Teacher Conferences: 5:00pm – 8:00pm

11/20 – PTA Meeting, 6:30pm

11/26 – 4th Grade Thanksgiving Feast

11/28 & 11/29 – Thanksgiving Recess

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.

PTA News

Hi families! Thank you for attending movie night and Trunk or Treat!

PTA Meeting on November 20th at 6:30pm. We will be voting on Early Childhood VP position.

Bowling with the Panthers – Sunday, November 17th from 2:00pm–4:00pm. \$15 per person includes bowling, shoes, pizza, and drink

Pretzels for Panthers is November 1st.

"We are looking forward to celebrating with our students at the annual feast."

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A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,

November is a month to give thanks! I am so thankful for all of the parents who have supported our children so far this school year. We would like to say a big thank you to our PTA who organized this year's Halloween event "Trunk or Treat" for our Elementary School students.

This month we will be celebrating the importance of reading here at school, but reading at home is very important too. The benefits of independent reading include improved vocabulary, verbal fluency, and enhanced general academic achievement. Please be sure that your child is practicing reading nightly and reading books that are on their independent reading level.

As Dr. Seuss says, "The more you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you will go." I cannot wait to see all the places our children will go.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi

