



The Fantastic Fourth Grade

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Parent Newsletter – January 2019

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Reading – We are beginning with researching our animal topics for the 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 – The students will begin the month with 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:

Unit 6 will focus on developing our understanding of 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.

Social Studies:

We are beginning the second unit of our Social Studies curriculum. Students will be studying how the exploration and settlement of the New York led to interaction among diverse peoples. 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 will also learn how African culture was brought to New York.

Science

The current unit we are working on includes a focus on: the water cycle, evaporation, and condensation. Once this unit is complete, the students will begin learning about the different types and functions of simple machines.

Technology:

During the month of January, your child will be focusing on both keyboarding and mouse skills, as well as proper use of the Internet. We will be using online tools and a Typing Software Program to help maximize these skills. Along the way, we will work on integrating their literacy and mathematical skills, ensuring that all our students maximize their learning with hands on opportunities to succeed. We will also be continuing to learn about Microsoft Word and how to find information about a topic using online resources.

What's New in Music and Art?

Mr. Cintula: We are working on seasonal folk music from around the world through our textbook series the Music Connection grade four. We are singing together and solo as well as working with percussion instruments and techniques on various songs.

Ms. LaMorte: Students will complete new trimester items, complete Tonal and Rhythm assessment, learn new piece applying proper singing, dancing and concentric circles, and begin trimester study of recorder with familiar notes B, A, G.

Ms. Granatelli: Students will start the new year with participating in the visual art component of our school's performing arts program. The students begin with learning about and exploring the "Elements of Design".

*IMPORTANT DATES

1/1 – Happy New Year! No school

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

1/15 – Parents as Partners Engagement on Test Preparation, 2:20pm

1/16 – PAWS Awards, 6:30pm

1/16 – PTA General Membership Meeting, 7:00pm

1/21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No school

News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- Students will begin the next class in our performing art cycle.
- Ms. Granatelli is requesting all Art Supplies for Class 422 be brought in.
- Students wearing boots should bring their sneakers in a plastic bag on gym days.
- Make sure to label all cold weather clothing with your child's name.
- The Infograph piece will need images/pictures/maps for the final piece. Please, help locate pictures of different sizes for your child to use.
- Continue to practice multiplication/division tables each night

"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, corrected, and returned to the classroom teacher."

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PTA News

The PTA would like to thank everyone that came and supported our holiday fair. Please join us this month for PTA meeting January 16th at 7:00pm and the 9th Annual Kindergarten Fashion Show on Thursday, January 24th at 7:00pm.

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 2018 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 2019!

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

