



The Fantastic Fourth Grade

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Parent Newsletter – October 2018

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Reading – We will begin reading the book, *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. Our reading will not only highlight the important message emphasized throughout the book, it will also be guided by our focus standards. Students will be reading and responding to specific literature standards throughout their reading. They will be completing standard based tasks in response to *Wonder*.

Writing – We will continue to construct literary essays in response to literature. Students will be working on identifying theme, traits, and character change throughout selected texts. Students will then respond to standard aligned tasks regarding their reading comprehension. Students will also be comparing common themes, trends, and characters across different texts through essay.

Math:

We'll be working on Chapter 2 of the Go Math program. This chapter focuses on multiplying 1-4 digit numbers. They'll be practicing different strategies for multiplying. Students will be utilizing the information they learned in Chapter 1 with place value and estimation.

Please, familiarize yourself with the vocabulary. Students will be expected to understand and incorporate topic specific vocabulary in their writing and dialogue.

Science & Science Lab:

In class we will be learning about inherited, acquired, and learned traits. We will also be learning about food chains/webs and the parts of a plant.

Vocabulary cards will be created in class. Please, review the science words with your child at home.

Social Studies:

Students will be learning about the early colonists in the New York region and the reasoning behind the colonists' journey to the new land. Students will also be learning about the challenges the colonists faced. They will also explore the first governments that were created amongst the colonies.

Technology:

During the month of October, 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 beginning our exploration of folk music from around the world in our Music Connection text. Also, we are exploring basic percussion section accompaniment to our repertoire of textbook songs.

Ms. LaMorte: Students will study soprano recorder using familiar notes B, A, G, learn E and new piece and possibly Low D and new piece, and discuss/sing about Christopher Columbus with beautiful singing techniques.

Ms. Granatelli: During the month of October, students begin with learning to draw and paint their self-portrait.

*IMPORTANT DATES

10/8 - Columbus Day - No School

10/17 - PTA Meet & Greet (Adults only), 7:00pm

10/28 - PTA hosts Trunk or Treat

10/31 - Halloween March of Dimes Wonder Walk on school track. Students may wear their Halloween attire. No face masks please.

News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- Please continue to review your child's agenda book each night.
- Please continue to review multiplication and division tables daily.
- Students will be assessed on their times tables regularly.
- We are currently researching and planning class trips aligned to our 4th Grade curriculum. We will keep you informed and send home any necessary permission slips.

"We hope you are all enjoying fourth grade so far! Stay tuned for more fun to come!"

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PTA News

-Pretzel sales! The first Friday of the month we will have a pretzel sale outside of the cafeteria. Students wishing to purchase a pretzel should bring \$1.00 with them to lunch. It has been suggested to put an envelope with student's name, date and marked "pretzel money" to be placed either in their lunch box or if the teacher could remind the student to bring it with them to lunch.

-Movie night save the date Friday, 10/5 at 7pm in the Quad. Premiering the Emoji Movie. Children will receive an emoji bracelet, popcorn, and drink with a donation of \$5 per person.

-Halloween "Trunk or Treat" will be in our Quad with lots of candy treats and fun games/activities and bouncy house. More information will be given out as date approaches. Save the date for Sunday, 10/28.

-Chocolate bar sales will be starting soon! More information to follow.

A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,

We are off to a great start and I am super excited to begin this next month of school. We will be hosting a Walk-a-thon to support the March of Dimes on October 31st at 9:45am on the field. All students in grades Pre-K-4 are invited to walk in their Halloween costumes on our track. We ask that you refrain from dressing the students in costumes with masks and please do not send props into school. March of Dimes envelopes will be sent home this week and can be returned with donations on the day of the Wonder Walk. Parents are welcome to view our costume parade on the field (weather permitting). Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi

