



Fourth Grade Newsletter



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Dates to Remember:

- Spring Fair, May 3rd
- Parent Meeting for Chesapeake Bay Trip, May 5th, 6 PM
- Science Fair, May 14th
- Memorial Day, no school, May 25th
- Chesapeake Bay field trip, May 29th
- In-School Class Picnic, June 9th
- Last Day of School, June 12th, Early Release

Reminders:

Please arrange to have your child picked up at school at 4:30 on the day of the bay trip.

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May and June

Here is an overview of some of the instructional areas of study for the remaining weeks.

Reading:

The students begin a unit on mysteries. They will identify the characteristics of mysteries. Then they will complete an unit that integrates their Chesapeake Bay studies and literature.

Writing

The students will use their knowledge of mysteries to write their own mystery stories. They will include all the elements of a mystery in their writing.

Spelling

The spelling patterns for the remaining weeks will be multi-syllable words, the suffix -ent and Chesapeake Bay vocabulary words.

Math

The students are beginning unit five in math. This unit includes measurement and transformations. The students will use standard and metric units to measure objects. They will solve problems involving volume, area and perimeter. They will identify transformations: translations (slides), reflections (flips), and rotations (turns).



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Science

The students will explore rocks and rock models. They will define and identify physical properties such as color, luster, streak and hardness. The students will also study the processes of weathering and erosion.

Social Studies

The students will finish their unit on immigration by reading about the Plymouth and Jamestown settlements. They will compare these to the settlement at St. Mary's City. Then they will complete a unit on government. They will identify their rights and responsibilities and determine how they can use persuasive writing to help save the blue crab population of the Chesapeake Bay.