



December 9

Fourth Grade Newsletter

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Curriculum News

What Are We Learning This Quarter?

Math 4

Unit 2 Assessment on 12/13 and 12/14 on

- Multiplication and division concepts and
- Expressions and equations with variables

Math 5

- Calculating area of various 2D figures
- Distinguishing between area and circumference of circles
- **Testing Unit 2 on Dec. 14th**
- Decimal Places Through the Ten Thousandths
- Comparing/Ordering Decimals
- Rounding Decimals & Performing Operations with Decimals

Reading

Historical Fiction

- *Historical References & Cultural Ethnicity*
- *Character Traits & Motives*
- *Fictional /Historical Characters*

Writing

- Writing informative paragraphs on a specific topic using the 6 traits of writing.

Science

Environmental Science

- Analyzing the effects of pollution and natural disasters on the environment
- Writing/Identifying testable questions
- Start thinking! The Science Fair is coming soon! Packets are coming home the week of Dec. 5th.

Social Studies

Native Americans

- Enjoying our presentations arguing that an artifact does or does NOT belong to our tribe.
- **Assessment week of 12/12**
- **Coming up!**
- Immigration to the United States- What patterns do we see?

Inclusion Month

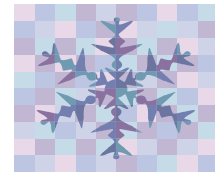
December 5-9, 2012 is recognized as Inclusive Schools Week. At Bethesda Elementary we are celebrating "Inclusion" the whole month of December. The fourth grade has been completing a variety of activities this week to include: recognizing how each person has been inclusive in their lives, sharing how we are like and how we are unique from each other, participating in the planting project to symbolize and celebrate the wonderful variations which make up our school. We hope these activities teach our children some valuable lessons!

Native American Storytelling

We will cap off our study of Native American culture with a series of guest lectures by Dovie Thomason, a Lakota storyteller. Ms. Thomason shared stories of the "first nations" with the fourth grade in an assembly last week. She is conducting three seminars on storytelling and will conclude with an assembly for parents on 12/12 at 1:40, in which our students will be the storytellers. Ms. Thomason is an old friend and we are lucky that she can join us to make Native American culture a reality in our school.

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When a friend is in trouble, don't annoy him by asking if there is anything you can do. Think up something appropriate and

Reminders

1. Imagination Stage Field Trip - Dr. Dolittle
December 21st - 9:45 to 12:00
- chaperones please be here at 9:40.
2. Students are allowed to bring e-readers to school, however the school is not responsible if the device is broken or lost.
3. Science Fair information session was held December 6th. Please look for packets and all information will be available on the 4th grade website. Packets coming home The week of Dec. 5th. Questions/Variables due next week.

Important Dates

- Mon. Dec. 5 - 9 - Inclusion Week
- Mon. Dec 12 1:45 - 2:45 - Native American Storytelling by 4th graders in the multi-purpose room
- Wed. Dec. 21 - Field trip to Imagination Stage
- Mon. Dec. 26 - Mon. Jan. 2 - Winter Break



