



# January 4 Fourth Grade Newsletter

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## Curriculum News

### What Are We Learning This Quarter?

#### Math 4

##### Common Fractions

- Comparing and ordering
- Improper fractions and mixed numbers
- Adding & Subtracting like fractions

#### Math 5

- Rounding decimals
- Adding, subtracting, multiplying, & dividing whole numbers and decimals
- Converting fractions, decimals & percents

#### Reading

- Identifying important information
- Summarizing
- Distinguishing between text structures

#### Writing

##### Writing to Inform

- Taking notes
- Organizing notes
- Writing notes into sentences
- Forming a research paragraph

#### Science

##### Environmental

- Scientific method
- Impact of humans on the environment and vice versa

#### Social Studies

##### Immigration

- Maryland Migration Today— Exploration of four immigration experiences
- Formulate our own interview questions for an immigrant
- Patterns of Immigration to the United States

## Science Fair

- The packets that provide guidelines for the project and due dates have been distributed. Please review the packets carefully!
- The packets for all classes and the Powerpoint information presented at the PTA meeting is on the school website.
- Turn in the Question and Variables as soon as possible because the children will be working on the Research Report in Writing class. Some research will be done at school and more can be done and brought to school.
- Ms. McCord and Mrs. DeNisco will adjust the Hypothesis and research due dates if need be.
- Scientific process will be discussed and acted out through experiments in science classes.

#### More to come!

#### Reminders and Resolutions!

The start of the New Year is a great time to have a chat with your children behavioral expectations at school. We reinforce and review routines here at school. Encourage your child to think about what skills he/she might want to develop or habits he/she might want to encourage (or discourage!). Reflecting on one's strengths and weaknesses helps your child become a responsible and self-motivated lifelong learner.

A **Reminder** that the COLD weather is here! Please send your child to school with appropriate outerwear that is labeled.

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Think you can, think you can't; either way, you'll

## Research Reports

There has been some misunderstandings with the science research reports. Students were told to look for research at home on their science fair topic and bring that research to school. Students will take notes on the research in reading and writing classes. We have already pulled small groups in reading to teach how to identify important information and to take notes. In writing class, students will be taught how to organize the notes, write them into sentences, and then they will then write their research report in writing class.

### Important Dates

Monday, January 16 - No School - Martin Luther King Day

Friday, January 20 - Second quarter ends

Monday, January 23 - No School - Teacher Professional Day



