



Fourth Grade News

William B. Gibbs Jr. Elementary

Mr. Delescavage Ms. Futrovsky Mr. Humphrey Mr. Huston Mrs. Mayers

Dear Fourth Grade Parents,

Marking Period number three is underway. We have also begun to prepare for the MSA, which is only a month away. Please help your child stay focused and enthusiastic about what they are learning. You can support what we do at school by reading and signing the assignment book daily, asking your child what he or she learned each day, and reviewing and discussing any schoolwork that comes home. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support.

The 4th Grade Team

Reading

We have started a new unit on plays. Students will be reading to identify parts of a play and to determine a character's motivation based upon what he/she says and does. We will talk about reading with good fluency and tone during this unit as well. Students should continue to read at least 20 minutes each evening at home to develop their fluency and comprehension.

Important Dates:

2/1: Report Cards Go Home; Grade Level and Principal's Newsletters Go Home

2/2: ESOL Math Night for Grades 2-5, RSVP needed and dinner is served, 6-7:30 p.m.

2/6-2/10: National School Counseling Week

2/7: PTA Meeting featuring presentation on parent advocacy by Department of Family and Community Partnerships, 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center

2/8: Class Pictures by Blanton Studios; ESOL Math Night Snow Date, 6-7:30 p.m.

2/9: Club Pictures by Blanton Studios; Fifth and Sixth Grade Band Concert at Clarksburg High School, 7:00 p.m.

2/10: Black History Month Event, sponsored by NAACP Representative and Committee, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in All Purpose Room

2/14: Valentine's Day

Parties, 2:15-3:15 p.m. Fourth Grade in school field trip 11:30 — 12:30 in Dual purpose room

2/15: Emergency Tornado Drill, with Fire Department Present; Fourth Grade Field Trip for Mr. Huston's Class, Mrs. Mayers' Class, and Ms. Futrovsky's Class, 9:30 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.

2/16: Fifth and Sixth Grade Strings Concert at Clarksburg High School, 7:00 p.m.

2/17: Fourth Grade Field Trip for Mr. Delescavage's Class and Mr. Humphrey's Class, 9:30 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.

2/20: President's Day Holiday! No School for Students and Staff!

2/22: PTA-Sponsored Spirit Night at Red Robin Restaurant in Germatown

2/25-3/4: PTA-Sponsored Read-A-Thon Fundraiser

2/28: Choral Concert at Clarksburg High School, 7:00 p.m.



Writing

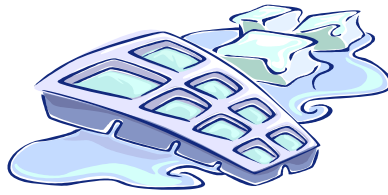
This quarter, we will be writing to persuade. Students will be reviewing persuasive text and analyzing the strategies authors use to persuade the reader to think or feel a certain way. Then, using the strategies they were taught, students will be choosing a topic of their own in order to compose a persuasive piece.

Social Studies

We are still working hard in our second unit on immigration. In these lessons, students will expand their study of immigration to the early settlement period of St. Mary's City, Plymouth, and Jamestown. They will learn about the importance of analyzing multiple perspectives as they are introduced to the culture of an early Maryland settlement. Our field trip to St.



Mary's city is slowly approaching this May! Please look for additional information from your child in the upcoming months!



Science

Students will be discussing the three types of matter; solid, liquid, and gas. We will also determine the properties of matter and mass. Students will be participating in many hands-on activities to better understand how matter changes forms. Additionally, students will be talking about the water cycle in this unit.

Happy Presidents' Day



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