



4th Grade News

December Dealings

December is fast approaching and we are in full swing with a number of projects and topics. We have a lot to accomplish before the holidays.

Math

4th Grade

In math we are making progress with the math facts in multiplication and fact families. We are starting number patterns, equations with unknowns and translating word problems into equations with unknowns.

5th Grade

We are starting a new unit on decimal numbers, fractions and probability. Please look out for a parent letter that discusses these topics in detail and also gives advice on how to

help your child with these concepts.

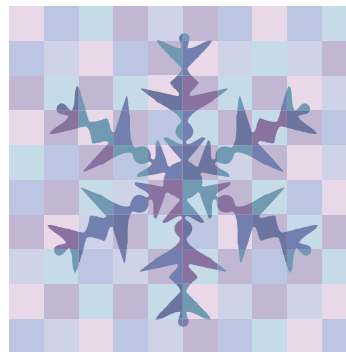
Language Arts

In reading we will be starting historical fiction when we are done with realistic fiction. This will be complemented with informative reading for our research projects and also test-taking strategies.

In writing we are creating informative paragraphs relating to our research on American Indian cultures. Students are learning to take notes, write citations, and summarize information.

Social Studies

Students are studying cultures from 5 different regions (northwest coast, plains, arctic, eastern woodlands, and the southwest) and are focusing



on how the environment influenced the way these cultures developed. Please look out for various fliers and notices that will go out to all parents asking for assistance with editing, take-home projects and presentations.

Science

In the coming month, we will be looking at our influence on the environment and how it relates to the Chesapeake Bay. Issues with pollution and conservation will be covered in class.

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December Birthdays

- Kameren 12/9
- Ella 12/10
- Rivky 12/12
- Gwen 12/17
- Molly 12/20
- Hayley 12/21
- Grace 12/22
- Allison 12/29



4th Grade Teachers:

Ms. Schrank
(Team Leader)
Ms. Wright
Mme. Kellinger
Mme. Priser

Tips!

- In mathematics, we will be continuing our unit on multiplication and division. It is important to continue the practice of these facts at home. Use your multiplication cards daily! For a challenge, try listing each fact family for each card!
- In reading, remember to read 20 minutes every night! For an extra challenge, try reading a genre that you haven't read before! You may discover that you really like a certain type of genre that you had not experienced!
- In spelling, practicing two or three words a night can help you memorize better. Make flashcards of the words and have a friend or family member quiz you! Before long, you'll be a spelling expert!
- In science, try going outdoors and finding different parts of the ecosystem that surrounds you. Think about the food web, how would our environment be affected if whatever you see outside was not there anymore?
- In social studies, think about how your culture is affected by your environment. Try and think about how different kids around the world are affected by their environment. How would their lives be different if a certain part of their environment was taken away?

Calendar of Events

December 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Winter Concert 6:45	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 No school
25 No school	26 No school	27 No school	28 No school	29 No school	30 No School	31 No School