

**Travilah  
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# Fourth Grade News!

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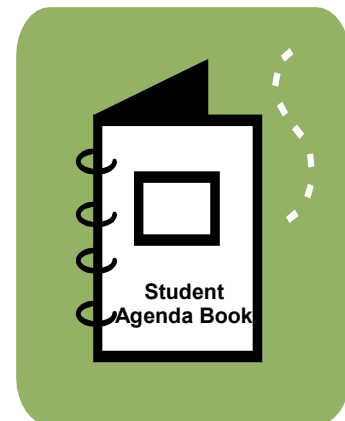


## General Information

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It's difficult to believe we are already half way through the first quarter! The students have been working hard and we are well underway into our curriculum. We look forward to working with you and your child this year. We stress the importance of maintaining communication throughout the year. Please use the many avenues of communication such as email, notes in the agenda books, etc... to stay updated with your child's academic program.

We are very excited to be off and running and we are looking forward to a successful year!



*Your child's agenda book is a great tool for organization! Please stay involved with your child's work and check their agenda for all homework.*



## Dates to Remember!

- October 8 — Columbus Day—Open House 9:00—11:00
- October 19 — Teacher Convention, *No School*
- October 25 — Field Trip: St. Mary's City
- October 30 — Field Trip: Historical Agricultural Farm
- October 31 — Halloween celebration
- November 2 — 1st Marking Period Ends

# Curriculum Highlights

## Reading & Language Arts:

Fourth graders are beginning to work on fantasies. We are specifically



learning about the unique characteristics of this genre.

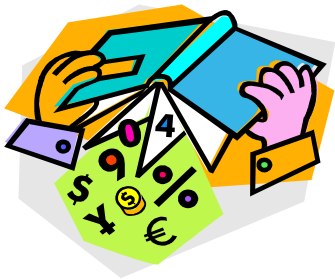
Encourage your children to read books in a variety of genres in order to broaden their

literary background. Students are also studying authors and how their lives have influenced their writing.

## Mathematics:

**Fourth grade math:** We are learning about place value, data analysis, and geometry. Data analysis includes creating and interpreting graphs, in addition to computing to find the mode, mean, median, and range.

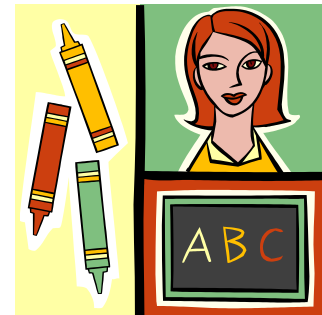
**Fifth grade math:** We are learning about interpreting and solving algebraic equations.



As we approach the end of the first marking period, please continue to encourage your child to read a book for at least 20 minutes every night and to complete the required number of book recommendations. Students should complete at least 5 by the end of Quarter 1!

Our writing focus for this grading period is writing for personal expression. The children have written a personal narrative about a significant event in their lives.

Have your child get into the habit of reviewing his/her multiplication and division basic facts every night!



## Spelling:

The fourth graders will receive a bi-weekly spelling list based on a sound exploration or a spelling pattern. On alternate Fridays the children will be assessed.

## Science:

In the next few weeks we will be starting our next science rotation. We are looking forward to getting to know all the students from the different classes. Students will be mastering important skills throughout the weeks while focusing on one subject at a time. Students have built ecocolumns modeling a balanced ecosystem. We will be making observations about the ecocolumns natural processes.



## Social Studies:

Students are learning about different types of maps and Maryland's geography. In order to prepare for our upcoming field trip, students will also begin exploring a history of St. Mary's City.

We continue to be amazed at what great group of students we have! We hope the binders and assignment books have worked well in making you aware of what takes place in class and the progress of your child. Please check your calendars to make sure your parent teacher conferences have been scheduled. Thanks again for all your support.



Calling all volunteers! As we roll through the first quarter of school, we have been working with Mrs. Meszaros during our weekly Chorus rotation. In order to ensure that our class runs smoothly, we are asking for parents to volunteer their time and support. Chorus meets every Thursday from 9:30-10:20 am. If you are available to help (even just for one week) please contact your child's teacher.

Thank you!