

March 2020

4th Grade Connections

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Important Dates:

March 2-6th Read Across America
March 2nd– Bowties, bows, and ties
March 3rd– Red, White, and Blue– Guest Author: Ivory Latta
March 3rd– Penn Station night
March 4th– Wacky socks– Class Picture day
March 5th– Character day and Character Parade
March 6th– Mustache day
March 12th– Publix Math Night
March 13th– No school
March 20th– Donuts for Dads/Jersey Day
March 24th– Report Card
March 27th Terrific Kid/College shirt day

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING IN 4th GRADE?

Reading- This quarter we will shift our focus to literary analysis. We will learn about point of view, author's craft, and figurative language (simile, metaphor, hyperbole, and more).

Writing- We are finishing our reports and beginning to prepare for our presentation on our topic. Then, we will move to literary analysis. This is combining many of the skills we learned in essays and informational reports.

Math- We are still learning about fractions. This unit focuses on adding/subtracting fractions with like denominators. Adding and subtracting mixed numbers, which may include changing an improper fraction to a mixed number. We will also be multiplying fractions by a whole number and analyzing line plots with fractions.

Science- We are finishing our astronomy unit by studying the 8 planets (rocky and gassy), constellations, and comparing sun/moon/earth. Then we will begin our next unit on light. We will learn about different aspects of light: reflection, refraction, absorption, prisms, spectrum, transparent, translucent, and opaque.

Social Studies- We have learned about how the United States expanded westward with the Louisiana Purchase, Florida purchase, Oregon Treaty, Annexation of Texas, and Mexican Cession. As new states and territories were added to the United States the question of whether to have slavery in those new states were decided. This led to arguments between the north and the south. First we will study the differences between the north and south. We will also learn about 6 abolitionists: Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Harriet Beecher Stowe, William Lloyd Garrison, Fredrick Douglass, and John Brown.

Leader In Me- Our habit this month is Habit 6: Synergizing. We will focus on celebrating differences and teamwork.

Homework-

-Reading Log 30 minutes each night
-Study guides should be studied nightly when given
-Other HW will be written in agenda (math problems/ Word Study practice)
-Homework is explained in class and students are often given time in class to begin and ask questions.
- **HW club** is a reward given to students who complete their monthly goal of HW set by teachers.

Behavior Expectations

All 4th Graders are to follow school rules:

Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be Safe

Red points will be recorded after verbal warnings are given.
Minors are notes written home after teacher has tried to correct behavior in class.

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