

**September 2018**

**4th Grade Connections**

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Important Dates: November

6th– No school Election Day

9th– 1:30 pm Veteran’s Day Program

21st-23rd Thanksgiving Break

**WHAT ARE WE LEARNING IN 4th GRADE?**

**Reading-** We started reading non-fiction by realizing we need to look at non-fiction differently than non-fiction. We look at what surprised us, what the author thought we knew, and what changed our thinking. We are learning about non-fiction features (table of contents, glossary, index, headings, bold type, captions, graphic sources, and more) & signposts that help us to stop and think when reading non-fiction (Numbers & Stats, Quoted words, Extreme Language, Word gaps, and Contrasts & Contradictions). We will also be looking to find the central idea and details!

**Writing-** We are beginning a new unit on opinion essays. We learned essays have a certain form. We began prewriting by using boxes and bullets. Next, we will be making sure we have strong evidence for each reason.

**Math-** We are learning how to solve multi-digit multiplication by using strategies to solve. We have a test next week. Our next unit will be on counting collections of money. Then, we move on to geometry!

**Science-** Weather, Weather everywhere! Our unit on weather includes: atmosphere, water cycle, clouds, severe weather, weather instruments, and weather patterns.

**Social Studies-** Now that explorers have claimed land, each country has set up a colony: New Spain, New France, New Netherlands, and English colonies. We will focus on 3 main regions of the English colonies including: New England, Middle, and Southern colonies.

**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**
- Codes 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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