

Fourth Grade News

Week of January 7, 2019

Unit 3: Intellectual Literacy Useful Knowledge

This unit we will be focusing on Intellectual Literacy and specifically looking at how our perspective affects our judgment and how does our judgment affect our decisions? We will be observing how our decisions benefit or harm others. Students will learn that humans are limited in their wisdom, knowledge, and guidance but can effectively evaluate our decisions in order to have the best way of being.

Math: We have begun our fun-filled fractions unit! This unit is filled with many fractions topics such as equivalent fractions, simplest form, improper fractions and mixed numbers, and adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions. Along with the textbook and workbook we have many games and activities planned to extend our learning. It is important for students to recognize the importance an understanding of fraction has on our daily lives.

Science: As we continue with our energy unit we will focus on types of energy: sound, light, heat and electrical. This part of the unit lends itself to hands-on activities. This unit is preparing us for our STEM unit coming up next!

Social Studies: Students will spend this unit learning about our government. We have learned about the important process of checks and balances. Next, we move on to comparing and contrasting the 3 levels of government with a focus on how our state government affects our daily living.

Reader's Workshop: Students should be well into working on their book challenge. Keep encouraging them to read at least 30 minutes a day. During book clubs we are reading non-fiction text that follows along with our science energy unit. Along with gaining for information on this topic we are also learning about the important text features of non-fiction books, we are practicing finding main ideas and supporting details.

Writer's Workshop: We are continuing on our opinion writing by working to add introductions and conclusions to our body paragraphs. Soon we will pick a topic of interest and work to publish a full essay!

Word Study: The class is learning lots of new, interesting and fun words through their weekly lists and Word of the Week activities. Please encourage student to take their word study homework seriously, it is important that students are mastering the spelling and defining of their words each week!

4th Grade Inspiring Individuals:

These students are exemplars in displaying what it means to be an inspiring individual. These students display kindness, compassion and care towards their class community, and are motivated to be the best learner they can be!

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