

# Fourth Grade News

Week of November 26, 2018

## 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.

**Check your e-mail for the Parent-Teacher Conference sign up. Conferences are Friday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**Math:** We are now into our Real-World Problem unit (word problems). Students are required to work through the 5-step problem solving process in order to solve multi-step, multi-operational problems. We will start off with basic problems and work up to more challenging problems. When your student is working at home, please encourage them to write an answer sentence and to show their thinking!

**Science:** Next week, we will go on our field trip to the Cranbrook Institute of Science. We will participate in the Electricity Lab and the Journey to the Center of the Earth Lab. The Electricity Lab is a good intro to our energy unit, the Earth Lab will connect to our learning from unit 1 and 2. Thank you to those parents that are joining us as chaperones. The final weeks of unit 2 will be spent learning about natural resources and fossil fuels in order to understand better where our sources of energy come from.

**Social Studies:** Students will spend this unit learning about our government. Specifically, comparing it to other types of governments found in other countries and learning about the important process of checks and balances.

**Reader's Workshop:** *The Book Challenge is coming!!!* This assignment will be explained to parents at conferences and assigned to the students next Monday. This is a very important reading activity that helps to encourage students to read all genres of text. Students will be practicing their summarizing skills with each book they read! In class we are working on main idea/details and inferencing.

**Writer's Workshop:** This unit brings us to Argumentative and Persuasive essays. Students will begin by writing a 2-paragraph essay to explain their opinion and a counterargument. By the end of the unit they will write an argumentative essay that consists of 5 paragraphs!

**Word Study:** The class is learning lots of new, interesting and fun words through their weekly lists and Word of the Week activities. We will have a new root of the week next week!

### 4<sup>th</sup> 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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