

Fourth Grade News

Week of March 11, 2018

Unit 5: Interpersonal Literacy

This unit we will be focusing on interpersonal literacy. Students will recognize that it is essential to use their judgement wisely within a system to make a difference. Students will understand that to have a positive impact within society, it is required to show care, respect and tolerance to all.

Math: Students are taking their knowledge of fractions and extending it to explore decimals. We will discuss the connection between and convert from fractions to decimals. Students will start by understanding the place value of decimals and then will go on to adding and subtracting decimals.

Science: The first 2 weeks of the unit will be a culmination to our learning of energy. The final topic we will cover is waves. Students will extend their learning for types/forms of energy to describing how energy travels in waves. In week 3 of the unit, we will move onto the final science unit for the year, Life Sciences: Functions of Plant and Animal Parts.

Social Studies: We will discuss human environment interactions by exploring positive and negative consequences of the effects our actions have on the Earth. Students will see that human systems affect the environment in a variety of ways. One of which is to attest to the responsibility we have to protect our environment and natural resources. Next, we will move onto a study of people and places. Students will share their family's immigration story as we discuss push and pull factors of human migration.

Reader's Workshop: Students are participating in a chapter book study this unit. Each group is reading a chapter book of their choosing and discussing the important aspects of their book. This unit we will focus on Theme, Author's Purpose, Making Inferences and Character Traits.

Writer's Workshop: It's the time of year for YAC!!! This year students will be writing an original realistic fiction story centered on a main theme/moral that relates to our school wide theme of having a positive way of being. We look forward to inviting you to our Author's Celebration in six weeks!

Word Study: For this unit, the weekly vocab tests will revolve around our root of the week. We are no longer taking weekly *spelling* tests. Most students are proficient spellers and display good spelling in their daily work. Writer's workshop provides us with time to correct any spelling errors. We are now focusing more on understanding roots, prefixes and suffixes as tools to decode unknown words.

Upcoming Dates:

- YAC Week: 3/25-3/29
- Literacy Night: Wednesday, 3/27
- Spring Break: 4/1-4/5. School resumes on April 8
- Martian Marathon: Saturday 4/13 Sign up to join the team today!

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!

Past 4 weeks (we got a little behind!): Mohammad Al-Wahab Yusuf Almadrahi Adam Nimr Adam Zaki

Shifa Jaffey Yousef Khorbatli Samara Malhi Ismaeel Abdulghafoor