

FOURTH GRADE NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2020

Math

Module 6: Fractions and Mixed Number

- How can we interpret line plots to solve problems involving addition and subtraction of fractions?

Module 4: Angle Measure and Plane Figures

- Lines and Angles
 - Identify and draw points, lines, line segments, rays, and angles.
 - Identify and draw right, obtuse, and acute angles.
 - Identify and draw perpendicular and parallel lines.
- Angle Measurements
 - Use a protractor to measure and draw angles.
 - Adding and subtracting angle measurements.
- Recognize lines of symmetry for two dimensional shapes.
- Analyze and classify triangles
- Classify quadrilaterals based on parallel and perpendicular lines and size of angle measurements.



English Language Arts

Test Preparation

Reading

This unit of study will deepen student's understanding of necessary strategies and techniques that are required for grade four.

Test preparation is essentially revisiting previous skills. The unit is intended to reteach and extend previously learned knowledge, skills, strategies, and attitudes toward test taking and writing.

In reading, students will identify key words in order to determine the main idea. They will infer, visualize, and ask themselves "who and what" questions as well as self-monitor while they read. Students will develop their comprehension skills, use context clues and take notes (make annotations) that they can use to better comprehend either the text or questions related to the text. Students will need to think "Good, Better, Best" when answering multiple choice questions.

Science

We will focus on the following concepts:
Food Chain:

- How do energy flow through living things?

Investigate properties of magnets.

- What materials are attracted to magnets?
- What is a magnetic force?

Investigate how electrical current flows through different materials.

- What are insulators and conductors?

Social Studies

We will continue our partnership with Symphony Space as we head into our culminating participation in a performance at Symphony Space.

We will also head into our study of the Colonial and Revolutionary Periods of the United States.

We will be thinking about this essential questions:

- What motivates people to explore and colonize other lands?

Important Dates

- March 2- Dr. Seuss Day
- March 2 - Report Cards distributed to families
- March 5 - Student led Parent Teacher Conferences
- March 6 - Comfy Cozy Day in the classroom
- March 25, 26 - New York State ELA exam
- March 27 - Decade Day

Writing

In writing, students have previously written personal narratives as well as opinion and informational pieces. Students have made independent decisions about content, structure, and craft as they wrote across the school year in various genres of writing. During this unit, students will revisit the writing genres with a focus on the structure of essays, creating a catchy lead, using evidence from the text to support a claim, including transitions words and writing a conclusion that restates the main points and offers a final thought for the readers to consider.

