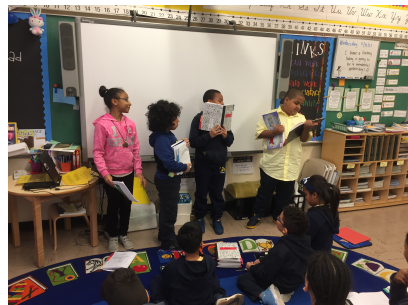


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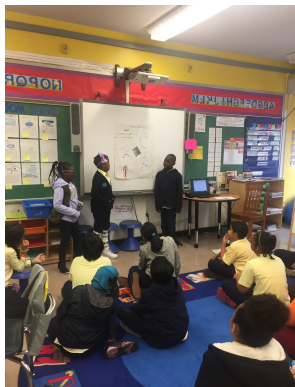
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Read on to find out what we've been doing in 4<sup>th</sup> grade!

In **Reading Workshop**, are finishing up our unit *Reading the Weather*, *Reading the World*. After some careful research and thinking about their assigned extreme weather or natural disaster, research groups presented on their learning to their class. They served as very knowledgeable teachers and taught us so much! In this last stretch of the unit, the groups are researching a second extreme weather or natural disaster. They have been lifting the level of their research by comparing and contrasting their two topics. Next up-book clubs!



In **Writing Workshop**, we are finishing up the unit *Boxes and Bullets: Personal and Persuasive Essays*. Students wrote personal essays to support a thesis. They thought carefully about how to support their opinion with three strong reasons and evidence. Currently, they are applying their learning to independently write a persuasive essay. In this writing piece, you will see how carefully out students have worked to come up with a persuasive thesis, reasons, and evidence. Our writers are ready for the challenging work that is coming up in our next unit- *The Literary Essay*.



In **Math**, students are well into our study of area and perimeter. They have been using the strategy of adding up the sides to find perimeter, and they have been using the formula  $area = base \times height$  in order to find the area. This unit can be challenging, particularly when students have to find the area of combined rectangles. However, the perseverance our students have shown is something all the teachers are so proud of. We hope our students keep bringing their best thinking to our math lessons. *Multiplication facts are very important in 4<sup>th</sup> grade, so please practicing multiplication facts with your children!*



In **Social Studies**, students have been bringing such thoughtful thinking to our unit *Native Americans: First Inhabitants of New York State*. They have learned about the roles of Native American men, women, and children as well as how Native myths reflect their beliefs and values. It's been a very exciting unit!



In **Science**, we are totally engaged in our study of *Plants and Animals*. In this unit, we have been learning all about plant structures, reproduction, and life cycles as well as animal life cycles, reproduction, and adaptations. Our three classes are full of animal lovers and scientists!

Lastly, students will have reading and math homework every night. Please check with them every evening to make sure they worked carefully. Please reach out with any questions or concerns. Thank you!

-Ms. Chung, Mr. Harten, Ms. Lamorte, and Ms. Tonnesen

## Important Dates:

- 12/7 - Art Zone Showcase
- 12/20 - 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to AMNH
- 12/22 - Last Day of School Before Winter Recess