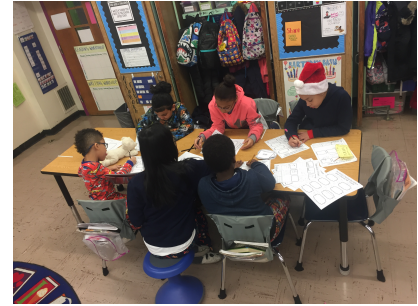


# 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 10, 2018

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

In **Reading Workshop**, we are finishing up our Interpretation Book Clubs. Students read together in book clubs and thought about the themes of their book. Some book clubs took turns reading pages, and other book clubs read independently and shared their thinking afterwards. Either way, students thought very carefully about their book's theme-or lesson- during this unit! Next up is the unit *Reading History: The American Revolution*. In this unit, our readers will research, study different points of view and tackle challenging vocabulary words!

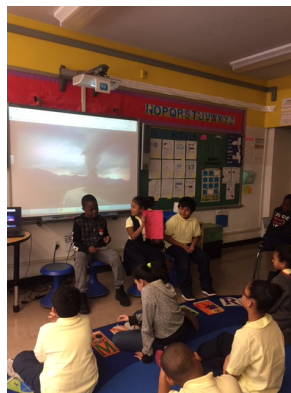


In **Writing Workshop**, we are deep into our unit *The Literary Essay: Writing About Fiction*. In this unit, students have been applying much of their learning from writing personal and persuasive essays. They are still thinking carefully to form a thesis and to support that thesis with strong reasons, but this time they are doing this work about a character they have been reading. Ask them to share their thoughts about Rachel or Mrs. Price from the short story "Eleven." They should be able to share a lot of their big ideas with you!

In **Math**, students have been thinking so carefully in the beginning of our *Divide by I-Digit Numbers* unit. So far, we have learned that division is the process of starting with a total amount and splitting it up into equal groups. We have learned the strategies of using tiles, drawing pictures, and listing multiples to help us solve division problems. We have also thought about what we need to do with the remainder, depending on the word problem. As the numbers get bigger, our division problems will become more challenging. *Multiplication Facts are very important in this unit, so please practice multiplication facts with your children!*



In **Social Studies**, students have published an informational book all about the Iroquois. Next, they will begin to learn about European explorers and why they ventured away from their homelands. Our historians are growing as thoughtful researchers!



In **Science**, we are readying ourselves for our next unit on energy. In this unit, students will learn about different types of energy. Our scientists have been using such sophisticated vocabulary to share their thinking during science lessons!

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:

- 1/15 - MLK Day - NO SCHOOL
- 2/14 - 2/15 - ELA Simulation Test
- 2/16 - 2/25 - Midwinter Break
- 3/5-3/9 - Scholastic Book Fair
- 3/6 - 3/7 - Math Simulation Test