

This Month In: FOURTH GRADE

ELA

- In Reading Workshop, we have worked carefully to build a community of readers. Students developed strategies to find "just-right" books and came up with different systems and routines for our classroom libraries. Additionally, we met quiet and bullied Rob in our class read aloud *The Tiger Rising*. We are eager to continue reading as he begins a friendship with Sistine, a new girl in town.
- In Writing Workshop, students have been working on coming up with many different story ideas. They have also worked carefully to really get to know their characters. Our writers will continue developing one of their story ideas into a full narrative that "shows, not tells" the reader what is happening.

Social Studies and Science

- In Social Studies, students have begun learning about New York State geography. They will learn how New York City differs from other parts of New York State, and how geography can affect why people move to certain locations.
- In Science, students have begun learning about plants and animals with Ms. Biningier. In this unit, students will learn all about plants and animals and how they adapt to their environment.

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!

Math

- In Math, we have started our first unit on place value, addition, and subtraction. We are practicing saying and writing large numbers in different ways. As we continue to move through the unit, we will review how to add numbers with regrouping (carrying over) as well how to subtract with regrouping (borrowing).

