

# THE FAIRVIEW NEWS

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## OUR PS 14 2023-24 INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS

"To know every student well so that we provide cognitively challenging and data-driven multi-tiered instruction for every child."

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I trust this December Newsletter finds you happy, healthy, and enjoying the time of year!



Heather Benson

## MISSION STATEMENT

The PS 14 Mission is to create a community where students, parents, and staff work together to inspire leaders who innovate, own their learning, and empower one another so we can be our best selves.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**December 26th- January 1st:** Winter Recess- Schools are closed.



# PARENT CONNECTIONS

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December 19, 2023 9:00 am - 9:45 am

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# Spirit Day

December 1



## Jersey Day

“Sport” your team-  
wear their jersey or tshirt.

Día de Jersey

“Deporte” a su equipo: use su  
camiseta o camiseta.

December 8

## School Colors Day

Usar Ropa PS 14



## Vocabulary Day

Come to school dressed as  
your favorite word.

Ven al colegio disfrazado de tu  
palabra favorita.

December 15



## Pajama Day

Dia del pijama

December 22





# DECEMBER NEWSLETTER KINDERGARTEN

## LITERACY

### MODULE 3: MY COMMUNITY HEROES

#### READING

We are identifying characteristics of informational texts to learn information.  
We are also identifying the topic and central idea in an informational text.

#### WRITING

We are using their skills to create their own Information Writing

#### PHONICS

Foundations Unit I We are learning letter names and sounds

## MATH

We are comparing numbers 1-10  
classifying and count data

## SCIENCE

We are studying the needs of  
plants and animals

## SOCIAL STUDIES

### SELF AND OTHERS

We are studying the United  
States and Symbols of the  
United States

## DUAL LANGUAGE

Reading: We are reading books about  
how we are unique and special. We are  
identifying the theme of the stories.

Writing: We are writing narratives about  
special people in our lives.

Phonics (Spanish): We are learning to  
identify, read, write, and say the sound of  
letters n, d, t, f. We are also learning how to  
form and read syllables with these letters.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

PAJAMA DAY 12/22  
WINTER RECESS DEC 25-JAN 1  
SCHOOL CLOSED





# First Grade December Newsletter



## ELA (SLA for DL)

Students will learn about animal characteristics, and how they use their bodies to survive. Students will write a research essay about their favorite animals.



## Fundations

Students will learn about the Bonus Letter Rule. In English when a one syllable word ends in an f, l, or s, it is doubled at the end.

## Spanish Phonics (DL)

In the upcoming weeks, our students will be focusing on reviewing and mastering consonants v, r, g, y as well as digraph ll. We will also be working with syllables that incorporate each of these consonants/digraph to reinforce their phonics skills.

## Math

Students will add within 20 using different strategies such as counting on, making ten, making doubles, and adding 1 or 2 to doubles.



## At Home

- ★ Please remember to have your child read every night for at least 15 minutes.
- ★ Log on to IXL and Lexia.
- ★ Practice counting up to 120.
- ★ Practice reading and identifying sight words.

## Important Dates and Events

December 1st - Jersey Day  
December 22nd - Pajama Day  
December 23rd-January 1st-  
Winter Break





# DECEMBER

## Second Grade Newsletter

### *We are learning*

**Reading- Once Upon a Time** In this module, children will experience traditional and contemporary stories. Some of these are stories that may be familiar to children but have a new, interesting twist!

**Writing- Imaginative Story** In this module, children will use their imagination to write a story. They will think about an imaginary friend or an imaginary place and will write about that imaginary friend or place. Children will create a story about that friend or place?

**Math- Topic 4** Fluently add within 100

**Science- Plant and Animal Relationships**

**Social Studies- UNIT 2: New York City Over Time**



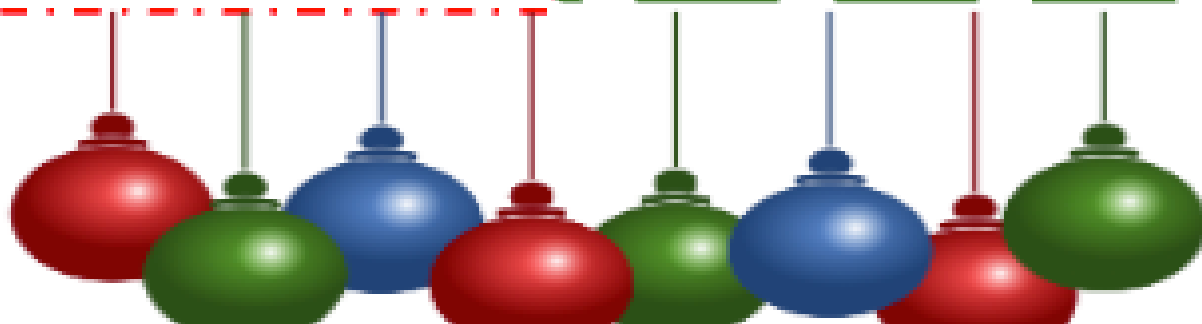
### *Important Dates*

No School:  
Monday, December 25th -  
Monday January 1st

### *To Do List*

2nd Grade Teachers wish you all  
a Happy Holiday and a Happy  
New Year.

Stay Safe and Healthy!





# *Third Grade News*

Third graders have just finished the first THREE modules for HMH! Moving into December, third graders will begin module 5: Teamwork. This module focuses on realistic fiction to provide students with opportunities to identify literary elements, author's craft, and theme in order to better understand unfamiliar texts. Students will also encounter narrative nonfiction and video to build knowledge across genres.

Third grade mathematicians are now becoming more skilled at multiplication AND division! Moving into December, third graders will master multiplying by multiples of ten, and begin to use strategies and properties to add and subtract.

In Social Studies, third graders are moving on to study Nigeria. Students will begin a case study on Nigeria. Students will focus on culture and the lives people in Nigeria live in comparison to their own.

In Science, third graders are beginning a new unit: Inheritance and Traits.

## FOURTH GRADE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

In reading and writing we are currently working in HMH Module 4 called Heroic Feats.

In reading, we are learning what makes someone a hero by listening to, reading, and viewing a variety of texts with a focus on fairy tales and myths. In writing, we are focusing on writing a narrative story about someone we know who made a difference.

In math, we are currently working on our multiplication skills in Topic 4 of our enVisions program. In this topic, we are building off of what we learned in topic 3 to help us with multiplying by two digit numbers.

In science, we are acting as conservation biologists in our Amplify Science Vision and Light unit. In this unit, we need to help a rain forest conservationist group determine why the population of Tokay geckos is declining.

In social studies, we are continuing our work on learning about the Eastern Woodland Native Americans of New York and how they use their environment to survive.

The fourth grade also began a Flamenco Residency program with the Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana company. For seven weeks, teachers from the company will come to school to teach the fourth grade classes the art of Flamenco dancing.

The Fourth Grade would like to wish everyone a very happy holiday season!!!







# DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

## 5TH GRADE

### READING/WRITING

As readers, we have wrapped up Module 3: Natural Disasters where we learned about various types of natural disasters that occur and how these natural disasters can impact us. We are now moving in to Module 4: Wild West.

As writers we completed our persuasive essay where we had to take a stand on whether we would rebuild after a natural disaster occurred or move away. Our next writing piece will focus on writing a letter to a historical society requesting information about what it was like to travel west back then.

### MATH

As mathematicians we are finishing up Topic 4: Multiplying Decimals and moving into Topic 5: Dividing: Using Models and Strategies to Divide Whole Numbers.



### SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES

As scientists we are still working on our Modeling Matter unit. We have completed several experiments as well as simulations to help us answer the question of "Why did the food coloring separate into different dyes?" and "Why do some salad dressings have sediments, and others do not?"

Social Studies: Students will be learning about the European explorers settling in the Western Hemisphere and discover the pros and cons of their exploration.

The Fifth Grade would like to wish you all a happy holiday season!





## DECEMBER

### Leader in Me Newsletter



### Habit 3: Put First Things First K-2

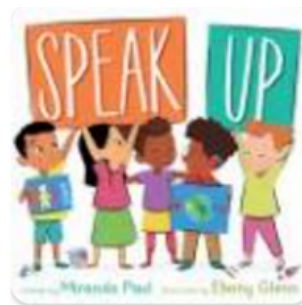
K-2 Video: A Place for Everything

K-2 Activity: Handout-At Home, At School

Song: Put First Things First



This month's read aloud:  
Speak Up by Miranda Paul



### Habit 3: Put First Things First 3-5

3-5 Video The Max and Holly Show

3-5 Activities Word Wall  
The Number Game



### Upcoming LIM Events

Leader In Me Booster Assemblies will be  
held on December 21, 2023

