

4TH GRADE NEWSLETTER

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

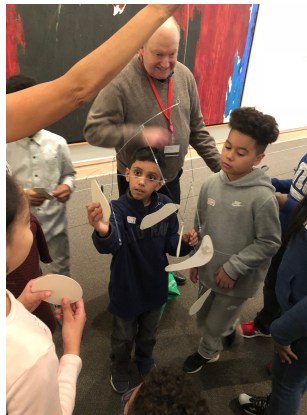
In **ELA**, we are in the middle of our test prep unit. We are trying our best to be careful readers as we read and analyze informational texts, fiction, narrative nonfiction, folktales, and poems. Last week, we focused on informational texts and thought about main idea and supporting details. As we tackle fiction texts this week, we have been focusing on character traits, character feelings, character changes, problem/solution, settings, and theme.

Please help our readers become the most careful and thoughtful readers they can be by talking with them about their reading book every night! This will have a *huge* impact!

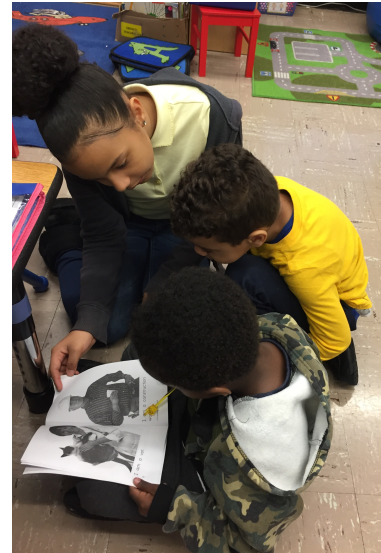


In **Math**, students have been rising to the challenge in our study of fractions. We started by writing equivalent fractions and comparing fractions. We also learned to convert between fractions greater than one and mixed numbers. Now, we are working on adding and subtracting mixed numbers. This is not easy work, but our students have shown so much perseverance. Our mathematicians will take all they have learned so far about fractions to our next chapter on multiplying fractions by a whole number. *Multiplication facts are still very important in this unit, so please practice multiplication facts with your children!*

In **Social Studies**, our historians will begin learning about New Amsterdam. Our classes in the past have enjoyed learning about what New York City was like during the first settlements, and we are sure this year will be no different!



In **Science**, we have dived deep into our unit on Electricity. Ask your student to tell you about conductors, insulators, series circuits, and parallel circuits. You will be amazed by all they know!



Lastly, students 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:

- 3/12 - 3/16 - Scholastic Book Fair
- 3/15 - Parent-Teacher Conferences (half-day)
- 3/30 - 4/6 - Spring Break
- 4/11 - 4/12 - ELA State Test
- 5/1 - 5/2 - Math State Test