

What an exciting time to be a fourth grader at PS/MS 29! Read on to learn about what we have been doing and what we have coming up in the next several weeks.

- In **Reading**, Writing, and Social Studies, we have been researching and writing about the American Revolution. At this point in the year, our students are experts at researching any topic. Our students have been using multiple informational texts to gather new knowledge on a range of subtopics, such as unfair taxes, the Boston Tea Party, and the Sons of Liberty. In the next couple weeks, our students will write an information book about the American Revolution to teach others all their research! Using our previous learning on how to use the features of nonfiction texts (e.g., table of contents, index), note-taking strategies, and different ways to organize their writing, students have been displaying a level of independence that proves they are ready for fifth grade! We are so proud of how much progress they have made.
- In **Math**, students have started a unit on decimals. By drawing upon what they know about fractions, our students have been able to write decimals in tenths and hundredths. As we continue in this decimals unit, students will work on writing equivalent fractions and decimals as well as relating fractions, decimals, and money. After this unit, our classes will start a unit on measurement. Additionally, please practice multiplication facts with your child every night! These are very important for all fourth grade and fifth grade math units.
- In **Science**, students are learning about electricity and energy. They know so much about circuits, insulators, conductors, static electricity, and different types of energy. Next up are the units "Properties of Matter" and "Changes in Matter."

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

Save the Date!