

March 2024

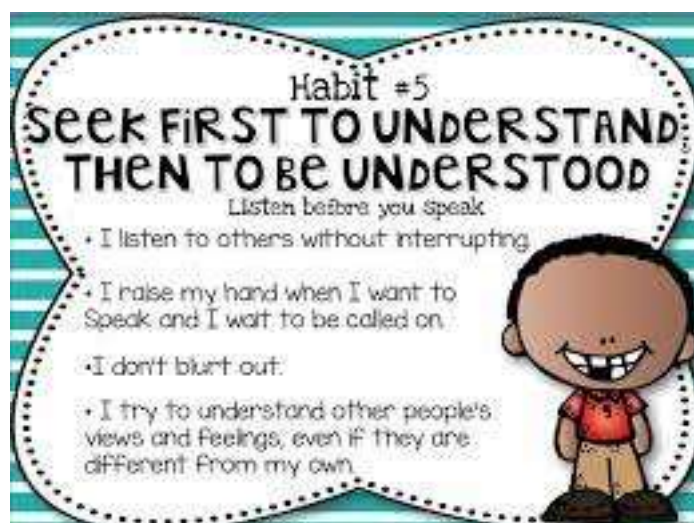
Fourth Grade

Important Dates

March 1: Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss
March 4, 5: Spring pictures
March 7: Parent teacher conferences- Half day of school; Dismissal is at 11:30
March 11-14: Computer Science for All week
March 11: 3K & 4K animal show & PTA bake sale
March 15: NO SCHOOL for students at PS 377
March 20: Grade 5 Bake Sale
March 22: Career Day
March 25- 28 Literacy Week
March 26: Vocabulary show
March 29: School closed for Good Friday
April 1: School Closed

Leader in Me

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What are we uncovering this month?

Reading

Detail and Synthesis:

Close Reading of Fiction & Test Prep

Our class has been reading up a storm in book clubs, and during independent reading with both informational and fiction texts. In this unit, students will strengthen the skills that were taught in unit 1 such as making inferences, analyzing characters and identifying themes.

Writing

Literary Essay

We are continuing our unit in writing on literary essays. In connection with our reading unit students will read texts closely in order to generate ideas about a text. Students will learn how to cite evidence in a text to support their ideas.

In addition, students will work on writing compare-and-contrast essays using familiar texts.

Grammar: Unit 2 Topics

- Common and proper nouns
- Singular and plural nouns
- Irregular plural nouns
- Possessive nouns

Math

Eureka Math Module 5:

This month we are beginning Module 5 of our math curriculum. In this unit we will be building upon our prior skills and developing our understandings of fractions. In this unit, students build on their Grade 3 work with unit fractions as they explore fraction equivalence and extend this understanding to mixed numbers. This leads to the comparison of fractions and mixed numbers and the representation of both in a variety of models. Students then have the opportunity to apply what they know to be true for whole number operations to the new concepts of fraction and mixed number operations.

Social Studies

Using Passport to Social Studies, learners continue to learn about New York State geography.



Science

Why is an increase in light affecting the health of Tokay geckos in a Philippine rain forest? Working as conservation biologists, students figure out why a population of Tokay geckos has decreased since the installation of new highway lights in the rain forest. Students use their understanding of vision, light, and information processing to figure out why an increase in light in the geckos' habitat is affecting the population. Then students turn their attention to humans by designing their own investigations in order to learn more about how our senses help us survive.

Home Connection

Students have access to thousands of books to read on Epic.
<https://www.getepic.com>
class code: try6895

Please continue to have your child working on www.zeam.org for support in learning new math concepts and www.xtramath.org to work on fluency with math facts.

The Eureka Math Succeed book has a homework helper page for models on each lesson.

In preparation for the NY State science exam, students have a weekly science assignment to complete on www.learning.amplify.com.

The user ID and password are both
ampsci123

