

Fourth Grade Monthly Newsletter

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4TH GRADE TEACHERS

Reading:

We are currently diving into Module 5 of our new reading program, HMH IntoReading where students explore our essential question "How far can your talents take you?". Students got the opportunity to share their own talents and to learn about others talents like dance! We continue to dive deeper into phonics and grammar skills, reinforce selecting strong supporting details when responding to short-response questions, practicing new vocabulary words, analyzing text structure, and so much more!

Math:

In February, students will begin Topic 9 of our envisions curriculum, where fractions take center stage. Students will continue building upon Topic 8's introduction of fractions but rather than just comparing them, we're adding and subtracting fractions with like denominators. What's even more fun (and challenging) will be adding and subtracting mixed numbers and working with fractions greater than 1. We're so excited!

100-90	Level 4	89-80	Level 3
79-65	Level 2	64 or below	Level 1

BOOK of the MONTH: This month's theme is Individuality which is wonderfully illustrated in a story titled *Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match* written by Monica Brown. Students will then discuss with their class how they are individuals and why that makes them special!

Social Studies: Students will kick off chapter 4 by exploring American history, starting with the 13 colonies. Students are also excited to learn about Deborah Sampson's life through our Marquis Theatre visits!

Science: Students will continue to explore our science program, Amplify, where they begin their unit on Energy. They will continue analyzing scientific tools through experiments and learn how people use them.

Writing:

As a part of our Writers Workshop, students will be publishing their Animal Research projects. Each student will research an animal they found interesting and provide information about its traits, environment, diet, and how it protects itself from predators. Students are also working on crafting strong beginnings to hook their readers, using transitional words and phrases and adding fun facts about why they chose this animal.

- **Reminders:** Homework is an important part of the school day, and it must be completed every day.
- **Please sign and return all tests**
- **Make sure your child knows their NYC Students' school email and password.**
- **Please have your child study their multiplication facts daily.**
- **Students must complete Ready -60 min. a week in each subject (Math and ELA) this equals about 3 completed lessons in each subject**
- **There will be NO school from February 19th to February 23rd, 2024. Enjoy your Mid Winter Break!**