

# 4th Grade News

## Highlights of the Week

**Note: We have started our collection for the humane society. Empty paper towel rolls and toilet paper rolls are needed too!**

### Math

Students took their unit 2 Assessment this week. This unit was all about multiplication, division and algebraic thinking. We also started our new unit on multiplication, division, perimeter and area. Students will be multiplying multi-digit numbers, and working more with long division in this trimester vs. the first trimester. It is very important that students keep practicing their single digit multiplication facts so these larger problems will be easier for them to solve. We also practiced our multiplication facts with our 3rd graders. See pics below!

### Science

Students were able to complete our first lesson in our rock unit learning where many of the volcanoes happen (The Ring of Fire). Students had some great discussions on their thoughts about volcanoes and how they erupt! We also began our next lesson on Why do some volcanoes explode?

### ELA

Students continued learning about and identifying nonfiction text structures this week. They completed their notes in their Language Books and read several different paragraphs, using clues to determine the text structure. A few students moved on to writing nonfiction paragraphs using different text structures.

### Global Studies

Students wrapped up their regions research this week. They will be preparing to present their learning to their classmates next week at their official Travel Agency Meetings.

## Conversation Starters

- What is a prime / composite number?
- Name the factors of 32? (1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32)
- Tell me what the inverse of  $4 \times 7 = 28$ ? (28 divided by 7 = 4 or 28 divided by 4 = 7)
- Feel free to quiz your child on math facts
- Where could you live to have a volcano possibly pop up in your back yard?
- What is Basalt? (Cooled lava rock)
- What is one of the most interesting or surprising things you learned about your region?
- What happened to Pinch in the big rainstorm when the family was out harvesting rice?
- If you were describing the steps to making a sandwich, would you use sequential or cause & effect text structure? (sequential)
- If you wanted to tell someone a lot of information about your region, would you use a descriptive or problem & solution text structure? (descriptive)

## Photos

