

4TH GRADE NEWSLETTER

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What are we learning?

MATH

We are beginning Unit 3, all about Fractions. Using area models and number lines, students will identify and compare fractions. Precision and neatness are key so that student work is accurate. We will be using benchmark fractions, such as: 0, $\frac{1}{2}$, and 1 whole to better understand the size of fractions. Check out these websites for extra practice:

[Fraction Matcher](#)

[Fraction Galaxy Game](#)

[Fractions Intro Video](#)

SCIENCE

We have kicked off our new unit: Energy! Some key points students will be able to do are: construct an explanation of speed; explain how energy can be transferred from place to place by sound, light, heat, and electric currents. Please ask your child to share with you what they are doing in science. I'm sure you'll be amazed at what they've been up to.

ELA

In ELA, we will continue to read expository texts in Unit 3, Government in Action. In this unit we are focusing on problem/solution, main idea/detail, and determining what is an important versus unimportant detail. Students are finishing up their writing on how the government and citizens help to solve the problem that natural disasters cause. We will also begin Unit 4, Understanding Different Points of View.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Students are continuing to learn about the Native Americans and the Columbian Exchange. We will be focusing on the interactions between the Native Americans and European colonists, as well as, Native Americans resistance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 4th- Fall Picture Retakes
- December 10th- Midterm for Marking Period 2
- December 11th- Family Night at the Book Fair & Spelling Bee
- December 12th- Two-hour 45-minute early dismissal
- December 13th (Saturday)- Holiday Shop from 9am-3pm
- December 18th- Winter Concert (4th Grade Chorus) at Century at 7:00pm for parents & families
- December 19th- Winter School Concert (for students and staff only)
- December 22nd- 4th Grade Field Trip to the Aquarium (let your child's teacher know if your child will not attend due to previous commitments)
- December 23rd- Two-Hour 45-minute early dismissal
- December 24th- January 4th- Winter Break

Reminders

- In 4th grade, we are not doing data binders. Graded work is coming home in take-home folders. Check Home Access Center for your child's grades.
- If your child is in band, orchestra, or chorus, your child is expected to make up the work missed in class.
- Send any absences, early dismissal, or late arrival notes to LSEattendance@carrollk12.org as well as your child's teacher.