

12-12-25

Hello Families,

We kept up the momentum this week with our focus and engagement. We will close out the quarter with unit tests next week. We also have many fun activities heading our way! Please see below about Boomtown Day. We hope everyone has a great weekend and hope to see you Thursday!

We've noticed a few important papers getting cleaned out during backpack refreshers (thank you for keeping everything organized!). Please double check before tossing anything – you can send us a quick email or jot a note in the agenda. This helps keep everyone on track and prevents students from missing assignments. We clean out binders at the end of each quarter. Thank you for your help!

Our class read *Boom Town* by Sonia Levitin, a fun and colorful story about America's westward expansion. In the book, Amanda, a young pioneer girl, finds a creative way to help her family and community by baking pies. Her entrepreneurial spirit helps turn a small settlement into a bustling boomtown!

To celebrate this story and bring history to life, we will have **Boomtown Day** on **December 17th**. We invite students to dress up like people from the "olden days" of the 1800s. Think pioneers, settlers, prospectors, shopkeepers, or other characters from that time period.

Ideas for clothing:

- Long skirts or dresses, aprons, bonnets for girls
- Jeans or plain pants, suspenders, button-up shirts, hats for boys
- Boots or simple shoes

Please keep costumes simple and comfortable—no need to buy anything new! Creativity is encouraged.

Thank you for helping us make this a fun and educational experience for the students!

Dates to Remember:

December 18: Holiday Party 12:45-1:45 (parents are invited)

December 19: PJ Day/Explore Your Passion/Reading is a Gift

December 22-January 5: Winter Break

January 6: Students return/Mrs. Williams' Birthday

Assessment Dates:

12/15	ELA Unit 3 Assessment
12/17	On/Adv/Acc Math Unit 4 Assessment

Curriculum Updates:

Math On/Adv Level	Students will review unit 4 skills and show what they know on the unit 4 assessment.
Math ACC	Students will review unit 4 skills and show what they know on the unit 4 assessment.
ELA (Writing & Grammar)	Students will revise opinion essay conclusions. Students will revise for subject verb agreement.
Reading	Students will show what they know on the unit 3 assessment. Students will use their knowledge about Westward Expansion to produce projects.

Social Studies	Students will explain the motives for westward expansion, key events, and impacts. Students will demonstrate their knowledge of Westward Expansion through creating a project.
RethinkEd	Students will practice self-compassion by being kind to themselves.

Have a great weekend,

The 4th Grade Team