

4TH GRADE NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026

What are we learning?

MATH

With the new year, we rang in the start of Unit 4: adding and subtracting fractions & decimal fractions. In this unit, we will concentrate on the adding and subtracting of fractions with like and unlike denominators. Students will use reasoning and knowledge of benchmark fractions: $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 to solve equations with unlike denominators rather than using the least common denominator. Also in this unit is an introduction to decimals, specifically decimal fractions.

SCIENCE

In science, we will continue our unit on energy with a focus on how energy is transferred. Students will complete experiments and make observations based on the transfer of energy from place to place. We will be using snap circuits in order for students to apply their knowledge.

ELA

In ELA, we are continuing to work in Unit 4, Understanding Different Points of View. In this unit we are focusing on point of view, comparing points of views in different texts, making inferences, main idea/detail, and similes. Students are continuing to work on the writing from this unit which is a story continuation writing. Now that students have had plenty of modeling and practice with annotating texts, we will be grading annotations for an ELA grade. Annotations help students to make connections with the text and support their comprehension!

SOCIAL STUDIES

We have started Unit 3, "Resistance, Colonization, and European Expansion in North America (1500-1650)". In this unit we will begin to see where explorers began to settle when coming over to the New World, what life was like in colonial times, economy of the time, and slavery.

Supplies Needed!

We are almost halfway through the school year, please replenish your child's school supplies (pencils, glue sticks, highlighters, dry erase markers, etc.). They might need another notebook for STEM! Ask your child what they need!

4th grade teachers are also accepting donations of TISSUES!!!, pencils, dry erase markers, and glue sticks! Thanks so much!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 16th- Two Hour 45 Minute Early Dismissal
- January 19th- No School
- January 23rd- Marking Period 2 Ends
- January 26th- No School
- Math Benchmark is towards the end of the month. A date will be shared with you at a later time.

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.