

January 12th, 2026

Supplies: A Restock?

Mid-school year, many markers have run dry and many pencils have significantly shrunk! Please check with your kiddo to see if they need a restock of any items.

Habits: A Reset!

A new year brings a fresh start! We are working hard to reset our habits of attention, responsibility, and self-control in class. Fourth grade is such an important year for growing in independence. Students will continue to be held accountable for completing their planners accurately at day's end, getting them signed by a parent each evening, and returning them the next day. Assignments, due dates, and deadlines are always posted on classroom whiteboards for the kids to reference.

Curriculum

Spelling—This week's spelling test will be on Friday, 1/16. It will cover List 13 and Rule 14.

[Rule 14: The phonograms **ti**, **si**, and **ci** are used to say **sh** at the beginning of a second or later syllable in a base word (na tion, ses sion, fa cial)].

Math—We will conclude chapter eight with our test on Monday, 1/12. In chapter nine, we will explore using line graphs and line plots. Chapter summaries are always available on the 4th grade webpage.

Writing—In conjunction with our Colorado history unit, students will begin reading and note-taking from biographies of key figures in Colorado's past. They will convert these notes into written reports in upcoming lessons.

Grammar—In Week 17 of Fix-It Grammar, we will focus upon the use of -ly adverbs.

Poetry—January's poem is "Paul Revere's Ride" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Students will recite their assigned portions of this piece on Thursday, 1/29.

Reading—Our new literature selection is *Pollyanna* by Eleanor H. Porter. Our new read-aloud is *Little Britches* by Ralph Moody.

History—We are learning about the dynasties of ancient China.

Science—Our next unit is on respiration and circulation. We will build upon what we have learned about the structures and functions of living things, culminating the unit with Heart & Lung Day on February 5th. Staff from the Denver Museum of Nature & Science will provide a virtual dissection!

Important Dates

Monday, Jan. 12th

First day of second semester

Friday, Jan. 16th

report cards sent home

Monday, Jan. 19th

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

No School

Tuesday, Jan. 20th

Vision/Hearing Screenings

Monday, Feb. 2nd

Brunk/Rogers' lunchtime book club

Thursday, Feb. 5th

Heart & Lung Day

This is an in-school activity in which students rotate through four stations. A LUNCH FROM HOME will be required on this day due to its unique schedule.

"The soul becomes dyed with the color of its thoughts."
~ Marcus Aurelius