

4th Grade News

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Our Learning Focus: Every Student's Job- I think when I read, listen and look. I track my thinking to help me understand. I can explain and justify my thinking using what I've read, heard, or seen.

Thank You!

We cannot thank you enough for the wonderful donations! We feel stocked and ready for a great year!

SPOT

Worcester Arts Magnet Behaviors and Expectations For Learning is now known as SPOT.

Safe

Polite

On Task

Team Player

Reminders

Know Your School Night will be on September 12 @ 6pm Please join us to learn all about grade 4! We look forward to seeing you all there.

English Language Arts

We are spending September getting to know our reading and writing routines. As a grade level we use the Reader's Workshop model. Collectively we are reading *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*. This magical adventure of a china rabbit is meant to jump start the children's love of reading and the ability to discuss their books with supporting details and elaboration. We use sentence frames and Notice and Note signposts to help guide our discussions. Independent reading books are at each child's own, individual level and interest and our used to further

support our instruction. Students should be reading for a minimum of twenty minutes every night!! This is in addition to the reading we will be doing in school.

Writing is an important piece of our ELA instruction. We firmly believe in the Self-Regulated Strategy Development approach. This utilizes a growth mindset and encourages students to use their various rubrics to identify their strengths, as well as their goals. This gives students a clear understanding of the grade level expectation.

Math

We have started the year of working on place value. Our goal is to build a deeper, conceptual understanding of the relationship of the digits in a number in order to make computation and comparisons easier. Students are doing well comparing, adding and subtracting large numbers and rounding. We are working with numbers up to the hundred millions place. Continue to practice your math facts nightly!!! It is the expectation that students are fluent in their multiplication facts up to the 12s. This will help them when we begin more complex multiplication and division.

Science and Social Studies

We are starting off with Scientific Inquiry and the Scientific Method. We are exploring the various tools used in inquiry and will be conducting a few experiments to demonstrate our mastery of the process. We will also begin to learn about the Engineering Design Process. We will continue to explore both of these procedures throughout the year in science.

We will begin the year exploring directions and map skills. Students will be drawing conclusions to determine why certain maps have advantages depending on the job. While we begin to explore geography and maps we will also look at significant dates and holidays that are honored or celebrated in the United States. We will begin by discussing the significance of Labor Day and shortly afterwards The signing of The Declaration of Independence.

Internet Resources

Khan Academy and Pearson Realize are both fabulous math resources that we use throughout the year. The students will have online math homework once we get going. There will be a paper option if internet access is an issue. Please reach out to us with any concerns. We also have a Quizlet account for both classes. This is a great resource to help with vocabulary across disciplines.

