

Our Fourth Grade News



MARCH



From the Teacher

March means Spring is finally coming! Yay! However, that also means that MCAS season is upon us. It is imperative that we stay focused and on task while giving our best effort each and every day. Our recent Fourth Grade "Refresh" has been essential in beginning to get expectations back on track, but there is still much work ahead.



Remember, "Hard work puts you where good luck can find you!"

Look What We Are Learning!

Math: At the end of February we began learning how to solve long division problems. Students have been solving them using the traditional algorithm as well as the box method. We will continue to practice long division as we begin to study fractions. In our fraction unit, we will relate them to decimals. Students will express a fraction with denominator 10 as an equivalent fraction with denominator 100, and use this technique to add two fractions with respective denominators 10 and 100. They will also use decimal notation for fractions with denominators 10 or 100. Lastly, we will compare two decimals to hundredths by reasoning about their size and recognize that comparisons are valid only when the two decimals refer to the same whole. Record the results of comparisons with the symbols $>$, $=$, or $<$.

Science: We will continue to study and make observations to show that energy can be transferred from place to place by sound, light, heat, and electric currents.

ELA: This month, our focus is on Writing and getting ready for our ELA MCAS. We will continue to use the TIDE organizer and all our other other strategies while we strengthen our writing stamina. In addition to constructed responses, we will also be working on Narratives.

Reminders

- Don't forget to make sure your child is wearing a coat. Spring is still cold and we try to get outside as much as possible.
- In addition to charging your chromebook every night, please bring your charger to school.
- Even though the mask mandate has been lifted, please see to it that your child has one in their backpack in case they need one.
- While COVID numbers continue to decrease, it is still important to keep your child home if he/she is sick and having symptoms. Also important is to remind your child to keep hand washing and sanitizing!

Important Dates

- March 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- March 21 - Interim progress reports are sent home
- March 22 - Return signed interim reports to school
- March 24 - Spring Picture Day
- April 18-22 - April Vacation
- April 5 & 6- ELA MCAS Grade 4
- May 3 & 4-Math MCAS Grade 4