

Our Fourth Grade News



DECEMBER



From the Teacher

GOOD HUMAN UPDATE!

A sincere thank you to all families who contributed to our CENTS FOR SERVICE campaign through Operation Gratitude during the month of November. It was fantastic! What a great way to show Gratitude for the unseen heroes that keep us safe and protected everyday.

Thank you also to the families who continue to help us recycle the school water bottles. The entire operation is running very smoothly! Anytime you pop into the building, just take a peek under the benches in the foyer to see if there are any bags to grab.

Reminder! The recycling is just in a bag so you can transport it easier. Once home, you'll need to dump them into an appropriate recycling container. The City won't take recycling in bags!

Look What We Are Learning!

-In the fourteen days leading up to break, we have a lot to accomplish in ELA! We will start by analyzing informational texts such as: bar and line graphs, charts, labels, diagrams, timelines, maps, Venn Diagrams and recipes. We will also learn about the importance of using text features to help us navigate the text. In Writing, we are brushing up on all the elements that make a narrative come alive in the reader's mind. Including, but not limited to: sensory details, dialog, action words, similes and metaphors, transition words and conclusions. No small task!

-In SOCIAL STUDIES, we are beginning to learn about Geography, specifically Latitude and Longitude. We will be plotting coordinates and learning how to locate ourselves in the world.

In MATH, students are working with various strategies to multiply two-digit by two-digit numbers. In class, the students have been allowed to use a multiplication chart to assist them when working with multi-digit multiplication. Once we return from winter break in January the students will no longer be able to use their charts to help them. It is important that the students continue to practice learning their facts at home. Please take some time to help your child practice their multiplication facts.

In SCIENCE students will learn about renewable and nonrenewable energy. Students will learn where our energy comes from and the advantages/disadvantages of using different types of energy.

Reminders

Your child MUST be dressed appropriately for winter in New England. We try to go out for fresh air as much as possible! Throughout the day, we might spend a total of up to 45 minutes outside. They need winter coats, hats and mittens or gloves. Please label the tags with their initials. If your child is only wearing a sweatshirt, he or she will end up sitting in the office during recess. **That being said...if you need help, let us know!**

The Worcester Educational Development Foundation and the Worcester Public Schools have once again teamed up to sponsor the annual **"Coats for Kids"** Drive. This program provides new warm outerwear to Worcester children in need of winter clothing.

If you find yourself in need this year, please reach out to Nicole Webley-Roberts, our wrap-around coordinator. You can email her at webleyrobertsn@worcesterschools.net.

Important Dates

- 12/6 6:00 pm PTO meeting-virtual
- 12/12 Picture retakes
- 12/13 Grade 6 fundraiser- game night
- 12/18- Ugly sweater day
- 12/19- Dress like a candy cane
- 12/20- Dress like a snowman ❄️
- 12/21 Pajama day (PTO fundraiser)
- 12/22 - 1/2 - Winter Vacation