

What We Are Learning in Fourth Grade?

Reading - In reading, we have launched our new unit of study - Interactions in Nature and Culture, which coincides with our Social Studies unit on Native Americans. Students will be analyzing characters, determining author's purpose, drawing inferences and supporting opinions by comparing, contrasting and summarizing.

Writing - Our writers will be thinking about various Native American cultures which we read about and then will write an opinion essay explaining in which group they would have liked to grow up. Students will write effective introductions and conclusions, will state their opinion and provide reasons and text evidence to support it.

Math - Our mathematicians just completed a unit on factors and multiples and we are now on to fractions! We will learn about fraction equivalence and comparison, adding and subtracting fractions, multiplying fractions by whole numbers and relating fractions and decimals. We will continue to expand our knowledge by reasoning and having accountable math talk with our classmates.

Social Studies - Our historians will be finish exploring Native Americans by analyzing the environment, complex societies, natural resources, survival and governance. Our longhouse STEM projects were a huge success as the children put their engineering and design & engineering n skills to work. We will soon conclude our unit on Native Americans and kick off our unit on Colonial America by visiting the Old Bethpage Restoration Village. Students will learn about European explorers who came to New York and life in the New York Colony.

Science - Students will continue to learn about inherited and learned traits in animals and humans by studying the content and doing labs with Ms. Vicente.

In addition to all of our academic work, we continue to implement the Sanford Harmony Program. Teachers are fostering and supporting social connections among students using multiple methods to promote positive relationships and an inclusive classroom environment.

Ask any 4th grader about their favorite part of the week and they will tell you, "Meet Up, Buddy Up" which is one of the practices we are using each week.

To round out all of our academic work and social connections, our Hip-Hop Dance Performance will take place on December 15th. Our students are very excited to share their dance moves!

WE ARE VERY BUSY FOURTH GRADERS!

SAVE THE DATE!

December 6th - 4th Grade Field Trip to The Old Bethpage Restoration Village

December 8th - Fun Friday - "Winter is Coming"

December 15th - Hip Hop Dance Performance - Time TBA

December 23rd - January 1st - School closed for Winter Recess - School resumes 1/2/18



