



Fourth Grade
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Welcome to Fourth Grade!

Fourth Grade is in the swing of things! We've already written an essay about the first day of 4th grade. We've also completed our first Social Studies project - A Lens Into 9/11. This important project gave us insight into the events of 9/11/01 and allowed us to analyze photographs and identify emotions evoked by them.

In Reading, our first unit of study is Becoming Researchers, in which we will read multiple informational texts about a topic and learn to summarize ideas by using clues from the text and visuals. We will be focusing on critical thinking, where students will be involved in meaningful and smart conversations, which will then carry over to their writing. Partnering with this is our Writing unit, Biography. Students will be gathering information as they research in order to inform readers about a particular scientist. We will focus on developing a strong paragraphs with topic sentences and supporting details.

Our mathematicians are studying place value, addition and subtraction through millions. We will then be applying these skills to real world problem solving. Other skills we will focus on will include rounding and estimation. Following this is our unit on multiplying 1-digit numbers.

Our historians are exploring the geography of New York State. As we learn about the various landforms and waterways New York has to offer, we will think about and discuss the impact our landforms have on the communities and people that inhabit them. We are excited to implement our new curriculum, Passport to Social Studies, which provides many project based learning experiences. Following our unit on Geography, we will learn all about America's first people, the Native Americans. Finally, our scientists will be studying plant and animal adaptations. We look forward to a rewarding, challenging, productive and successful school year!

IMPORTANT DATES:

October 9th - Columbus Day - School Closed