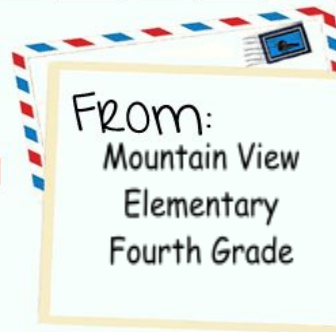




Our Class Newsletter

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This just in...

Reading: This month, we are celebrating Black History Month by using texts of famous African Americans to review and practice many previously taught reading skills. Some of the reading concepts we will address are: identifying main idea and supporting details, comparing themes and the point of view from which the story is told; describing in depth characters, setting, and events drawing on specific details. Also they will draw evidence from literary texts to support analysis, and reflection when writing opinion pieces on topics or texts, and supporting a point of view with reasons and information. Some of the famous people we may read about are Ruby Bridges, Jackie Robinson, Harriet Tubman, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Booker T. Washington, Rosa Parks, and George Washington Carver.

Writing: This month, students will conduct research projects on a Native American tribe from Colorado or neighboring states. They will gather information from print and digital sources, take notes, and categorize information in order to write informative or explanatory texts and convey ideas and information clearly. Students will write a five-paragraph essay to share their research. Students will also continue to work on writing a "Paragraph of the Week" to answer specific prompts.

Math: We recently finished up unit 4 and the written test. Our current unit focuses on fraction and mixed number computation, measurement of angles, and symmetry of shapes. We will be building upon our earlier work with fractions and learning how to add and subtract fractions and mixed numbers with like denominators. Please consult the unit 5 "Family Letter," which can be accessed from the "Math Page" on our fourth-grade website. Students will take the unit 5 test in late February or early March. Students are also spending time each week solving problems using the ST Math online program. This is a program that presents mostly non-verbal math problems and encourages students to persevere in problem-solving.

Science: Science is currently on hiatus, as we are focusing on social studies for February.

Social Studies: Students are wrapping up a study of Native American tribes in Colorado from our textbook, although we will continue to learn about these groups through our writing research project outlined above. We are now beginning our unit on trappers, traders, and miners in Colorado.

Other News and Notes

For our Social-Emotional learning this month, we are focusing on kindness, empathy, and making good choices. We will use read-alouds, videos, and other activities to teach these ideas. We will also spend time addressing classroom community building and student and learning expectations as we return again to in-person learning.

We are looking forward to parent-teacher conferences on Friday, February 12th. All conferences will be held using Zoom. Please use the Sign Up Genius link on the Mountain View website to sign up for a conference time.

Just a reminder that breakfasts and lunches are free this year for all students.

Please see the communication sent home from your child's teacher regarding changes to Valentine's Day.



Important Dates:

2/10 and 2/11: These days are now regular school days.

2/11: Valentines exchange. No formal party.

2/12: Parent-Teacher conference day

2/15: No school - Presidents' Day

2/17: Papa John's Dine-Out Night.

2/25: Panera Bread Dine-Out Night.