

Fourth Grade Newsletter 12/16/20

General Info:

Please remember to check Home Access Center each week to check your child's grade.

- Please remind students to keep their cameras turned on during class
- Make sure students are prepared for class each day with resources and materials to write with.

Important Dates:

- 12/14-12/23- Spirit Week- See Below :)
- 12/16- Interim Date--- Check Home Access Center
 - 12/23- Early Dismissal
 - 12/24- 1/3 - Winter Break

Math

We are working hard to make sense of fractions! Students have represented fractions less than and greater than 1 whole using both area models and number lines. We are working on decomposing fractions, then will move into equivalent fractions. Next week, we will use reasoning skills to compare fractions. Please remember that videos are posted daily. Students are encouraged to re-watch lessons if they are struggling.

Humanities

ELA- This week, students will be reading *Noses of the Pros* about how dogs can use their unique sense of smell. We will be looking at text features and the main idea of this text before planning a written response.

Writing- I have been so proud of students for their writing so far in 4th grade! They are becoming better writers despite all of the challenges this year. Students will have one last written response for ELA before winter break. They will be writing about the main idea of a text. Students should be sure that they are rereading and revising their writing.

Science/Social Studies/Writing

Science: After our exciting time investigating your backyards for living and nonliving things, we've moved onto our next lesson - Bucket of Mud. Normally, we would have a live sample of organisms from Hashawha, but since we're virtual we have snapshots. Today, we worked like scientists, observing and classifying organisms by certain criteria. Students have been shocked to learn of a few organisms that are living in this pond ecosystem. This lesson will run up till our holiday break.

When we return, The Benefits of Living in a Group is up next. In this lesson, students will learn about the benefits of living in groups (i.e. safety in numbers, establishing a territory, easy to find a mate, obtaining food, defending themselves, and coping with changes.)



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Holiday Spirit Week



Matching Monday 12/14	Wake up and wear the same color from head to toe. It's color block day!
Tacky Tuesday 12/15 	Wear your tackiest holiday outfit, shirt or sweater!
Winter Wonderland Wednesday 12/16 	Wear your favorite holiday hat, scarf or crazy hair for the season!
 Theme Thursday 12/17	Dress like your favorite holiday character that's in a book or a movie!
 Festive Friday 12/18	Wear your most festive holiday colors of your choice all the way down to your socks.
Monday Merry Holiday Headwear Day 12/21 	Wear your fun Holiday Hat, Bow, or Headband today!
Terrific Tuesday Decked All Out Day 12/22 	Wear all your holiday gear to celebrate our Holiday Break!
Prepare to Party Pajama Day 12/23 	Wake up and wear your favorite pajamas. Let's stay comfy until our early dismissal at 12:45pm!