



# 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Gazette

October 2018

## our learning

Language Arts: Students will continue to describe story structure (characters, setting, plot, theme) when reading literature and cite evidence from the text to support their answers. (Core literature: Because of Winn-Dixie)

Writing: We are working on our Narrative Unit – students are using descriptive details, dialogue, and clear event sequences. The narrative Writing Performance Assessment (WPA) will be administered the week of Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>.

Math: We are working on Module 3 (comparing/ordering 6-digit numbers; multiples, factors, prime & composite numbers; area & perimeter – rectangles & word problems) and will begin Module 4 (subtraction – estimates & standard algorithm; common fractions – relating whole numbers & exploring equivalence with mixed numbers).

Science: Students will continue with Ch. 1 (Electricity) and Ch. 2 (Magnetism).

Social Studies: We are finishing our units on geography and map skills, and we will be learning about California's Geography (Regions) and Early Peoples. Topics include:

- Resources of Northern California & the impact on early peoples living there
- Spain's plan to colonize California
- Life in the Missions
- How Spanish settlers transformed the region

## important dates

- 10/8-10/12: District Narrative Writing Performance Assessment (WPA)
- 10/12: SMTF Movie Night
- 10/19: SMTF Walk-a-Thon
- 10/19-10/25: Book Fair
- 10/22-11/2: Elementary Conferencing  
Minimum Days 10/29-11/2  
Dismissal @ 1:00
- 10/26: Box Tops DUE
- 10/31: Halloween – Parade @ 9:15
- 11/13: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher Treat

## friendly reminders

- Please continue to check your child's **homework planner** – upcoming tests are written in the planner by the student (including test dates & study guides used)
- Please send in **Box Tops (due 10/26)**! The winning class can earn a popsicle party! Click on this link for more information:  
<http://www.sjUSD.org/simonds/community/pta-boxtops-coupons/>

thank you!

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