

January Newsletter

4th grade - 2019

What Will My Child Be Learning?

Language Arts:

- Literature: We will be reading Esperanza Rising.
- We will also start in our unit of study on: Poetry, Prose and Drama.
- Informational Writing: We will be testing on Informational Writing on Thursday January 10th. We will also start out new genre of writing: Opinion.

Math:

- We will finish Module 6 (Area and Partial Products, Line Plots and Measuring Angles).
- In Module 7, we will start by learning division strategies to solve for quotients with remainders. Later in the module, students learn to add and subtract fractions, as well as change improper fractions to mixed numbers.

Science:

- We will begin studying the properties of rocks and minerals and the processes that form them.

Social Studies:

- We will be studying The Sacred Expedition, California Missions, and Rancho Life.



Announcements

Dear Parents,

We hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing holiday break with friends and family, and that you are all ready to get back into a routine. As we start the new year, it is time to celebrate the accomplishments of 2018 and set goals for the new year. Reminding the students about our expectations at home and school are important for supporting successful behavior and habits. Please take a moment to talk to your child and help him/her set goals for 2019 in areas that may need improvement and growth. All of the 4th grade teachers will be reviewing the Simond's ABCs for behavior to promote positive behavior and choices.

January is also the start of more rigorous expectations in 4th grade. Please continue to check your child's homework each night and sign the homework planner. The pace will be picking up across all academic subjects; therefore, it is important that students are focused, listening, and taking responsibility for their learning each day. This will ensure success for the remainder of the year!

Thank you,

The 4th grade team

Just a reminder...

Also, please remember to follow the Simonds uniform policy. Due to the cold weather and rainy season, students may wear any color raincoat or jacket outside the classroom. Inside, however, sweatshirts and sweaters must be school uniform color.

Save the Date!

- January 9th-12th: Students will take district wide writing assessment (WPA).
- January 18th: San Juan Bautista Field Trip – look to your teacher for volunteer information and details.
- January 21st: Martin Luther King Day, no school