



Just a reminder:

- Students will need headphones for the upcoming state testing - please check with your child to see if he/she wants to purchase headphones before our testing in April/May.
- Gold Rush date is March 28th. Please start thinking about volunteering in some way. We will need around 4-6 volunteers per classroom and many supplies. We will be asking for volunteers through iVolunteer toward the end of the month.

Important Dates

2/14

Valentine's Day:
Teachers will send information about class festivities

2/4-2/8

District math assessment testing window – (Module 7 test)

2/18-2/22

Winter recess- no school

March
28th

Gold Rush Day- more information to come home later this month

4th Grade News

February 1, 2019

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your commitment in helping your children meet the increased expectations after the new year. Because we have the upcoming winter break, this month will be short and we will need to move along at an increased pace in order to stay on track for everything covered in 4th grade. Please continue to support your children at home in being prepared for school expectations.

Thank you,

The 4th Grade Team

What your child will be learning this month

Language Arts:

- Continued/starting work with elements of prose, drama and poetry
- We will start another novel after our winter break. Each class may do different 4th grade level novels this time after reading Esperanza Rising together. It was a great story set in the 1930's but still rings true today.

Writing:

- We will or have started work with opinion writing. Students need to back up their opinions with facts, evidence, examples and details. It is a lot but the most powerful writing that we teach.

Math:

- Module 7 started with halving to divide by 2, 4, 8 and also covers fractions, including studies of equivalent fractions and adding/subtracting fractions.
- Next, Module 8 will be on division with partial quotients (similar to partial products taught in multiplication) and a little of multiplying fractions.

Science:

- Begin new unit in Earth Science about minerals, rocks and the rock cycle and how weathering and erosion play a huge role in the cycle
- Informational text studies- incorporating information on a topic from two or more text sources

Social Studies:

- Finishing unit on California Missions
- Beginning the end of Mission Life and the start of the revolt that led to Mexico's take-over of California

