4TH GRADE NEWS
March 2020

What are we learning this month?

**ELA:** We will be exploring the concepts of theme as we wrap up unit 4. We will be comparing and contrasting themes from the poems at the beginning and the end of *Inside Out and Back Again*. Students will also be completing short focused research on countries that serve as the settings for our independent novels. In addition, we will be continuing to send home MCAP (Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program) practice to help students feel comfortable with the type of questions they will encounter later this spring. Students are encouraged to complete their homework each week. Homework packets are given out on Thursday and are expected to be turned in the following Wednesday, however, work that is completed early can be turned in at any time.

**Math:** In this unit, students apply their understanding of fractions by representing fractions and mixed numbers in various ways. They will compare and order fractions and mixed numbers and will use number sense and fraction benchmarks to determine the value of a fraction. Students determine equivalency of fractions with unlike numerators and unlike denominators. They will estimate sums of fractions and mixed numbers. Students will add, subtract, and multiply fractions. As well as, add and subtract mixed numbers.

**Science:** In our “Rubbish Rescue” unit students will study energy and its transfer. With a team they will build a device that converts different forms of energy in order to clean up litter. Students will follow the engineering design process to solve this problem.

**March Dates:**

PTA Meeting at 6:00 PM 3/2
Read Across America Week 3/2-3/6
Interims Sent Home 3/5
PTA Basket Bingo 3/6
PTA Spirit Night Deli-ish 3/10
Lifetouch Picture Day 3/11
Ident-a-Kid 3/19
Crossroads Spirit Breakfast 3/21
Reminder:
It’s a good time to check your child’s school supplies if they need to replenish pencils, dry erase markers, etc.
We could also always use donations of tissues and sanitizing gel during the winter months.

March Birthdays
Madelyn
Owen

Important Testing Dates
MCAP
4/27-5/1 ELA
5/12 and 5/13 Math