



Bee News: Fourth Grade News



Doing As Eagles Do

December 15th, 2023

Curriculum Corner

In math, we are working on Module 3. In Module 3 students are learning about multi-digit multiplication and division. This week students learned about two-by-two digit multiplication. Students learned to use a variety of strategies to solve two-by-two digit multiplication problems including standard algorithm, area models, partial products, the distributive property, and the associative property. Two-by-two digit multiplication can be tricky so if your student is struggling on the homework please have them go to Zearn and complete a lesson for a reteach.

In reading, we continued our second reading unit. This reading unit is a nonfiction/informational unit. We are reading a book called *Everything Weather* to guide instruction. This week students learned/practiced summarizing a nonfiction text, identifying main idea/key details, using text evidence to support their claims, and researching/presenting on a topic of interest in groups.

In writing, we continued our narrative (realistic fiction) unit. Students learned about writing strong narrative leads, to write dialogue for a narrative, and how to establish a detailed setting for their stories.

In social studies, we continued our second unit on exploration of Washington. Last week, students researched different explorers of Washington and presented about them in groups. This week students learned all about settlers of Washington state. Students researched in groups, made a poster all about their assigned settler, and completed a presentation about their settler.

We are doing social emotional learning (SEL) every Wednesday. This Wednesday we continued our learning about emotional management.

Dear Parents,

Happy Winter Break! We successfully completed another wonderful week of school. I am so excited to be working with such an AMAZING community of learners.

Important Note about Math: We will be finishing Module 3 in math the week that we return from break. Two very tricky concepts we covered during this module include long division and two-by-two digit multiplication. We will be doing an extensive review once we return from break before the End of Module 3 Assessment. That being said, if your student has been struggling with either of these concepts it would be an excellent idea to integrate some practice into the break — especially the weekend before we return to the classroom. We don't want the students to forget all of the wonderful strategies that they have been learning to solve these problems during the excitement of break.

Important Note: I will be absent from January 4th to 15th as I will be receiving surgery to treat an important medical issue that I have been struggling with the past few years. I will do my best to respond via email but please ensure you keep the office/Mrs. Keegan in the loop on anything urgent. I will have the same sub each day during my absence and will be in contact with her throughout my time gone to ensure the best educational experience for the class. I will also be writing detailed sub plans so everything runs smoothly during my recovery time.

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful and restful Winter Break! Happy Holidays! See you all in 2024! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks so much,
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Important Dates

December 18th— January 1st	First Winter Break: No School
January 15th	Martin Luther King Jr. Day: No School
January 26th	Teacher Work Day: No School