



# NOVEMBER

## FOURTH GRADE NEWSLETTER

### READING

THIS MONTH, WE ARE WRAPPING UP OUR READ ALOUD OF NORY RYAN'S SONG. STUDENTS WILL BE FOCUSING ON FICTION TEXT AND DELVING INTO CHARACTERS. WE ARE STUDYING THE STORY ELEMENTS AND LOOKING TO SEE HOW AUTHORS USE THE ELEMENTS TO ENHANCE THEIR WRITING. OUR NEXT READ ALOUD WILL BE TIGER RISING.



### SPELLING/PHONICS

- SORT #8 R-INFLUENCED A IN ACCENTED SYLLABLES
- SORT #9 R-INFLUENCED O IN ACCENTED SYLLABLES
- SORT #10 WORDS WITH W OR /W/ BEFORE THE VOWEL
- SORT #11 /AR/ SPELLED ER, IR, UR IN FIRST SYLLABLES

### MATH

WE ARE EMBARKING ON OUR THIRD BRIDGES UNIT. OUR FOCUS WILL BE ON COMPARING, ADDING AND SUBTRACTING FRACTIONS WITH LIKE AND UNLIKE DENOMINATORS, LOCATING FRACTIONS ON A NUMBER LINE, AND IDENTIFYING AND COMPARING EQUIVALENT FRACTIONS AND DECIMALS.



### REAL WORLD CHALLENGE:

AS YOU BAKE FOR YOUR THANKSGIVING FEAST, BE SURE TO NOTICE IF THE RECIPE CALLS FOR HALVES AND QUARTERS!



### WRITING

WRITING THIS MONTH IS DEDICATED TO NARRATIVE TEXT. WE WILL BE CREATING AND DEVELOPING STORIES WITH CHARACTERS THAT FEEL REAL. THEN WE WILL DRAFT AND REVISE WITH AN EYE TOWARD BELIEVABILITY. WE WILL WORK TOWARDS INCLUDING A VARIETY OF TRANSITIONS, DESCRIPTIVE SETTINGS AND INCLUDING CORRECT PUNCTUATION. FINALLY, THE CHILDREN WILL PREPARE FOR PUBLICATION WITH AN AUDIENCE IN MIND.



### SOCIAL STUDIES

THIS MONTH FOURTH GRADE'S ATTENTION IS FOCUSED ON THE NORTHEAST. WE WILL BE STUDYING THE STATES AND CAPITALS OF THE REGION, LEARNING WHERE THEY ARE LOCATED. REMEMBER, SPELLING COUNTS!

WE WILL VIRTUALLY TOUR MAJOR CITIES LIKE BOSTON, HERSHEY, NEW YORK, AND WEST QUODDY HEAD, MAINE. WE WILL VISIT LANDMARKS LIKE MT. WASHINGTON IN NEW HAMPSHIRE AND PLYMOUTH ROCK IN MASSACHUSETTS.



Please contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns

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### TIPS FROM SPECIALISTS + THINGS TO PONDER

A note from: Mrs. Rianhard

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Just a reminder: Our school focus for the 2019-2020 school year is "Math is Everywhere!" Please email me a picture and/or a brief statement of your child observing math outside of school.



Mrs. Flynn

Mark your calendars for Sherman School's 6th Annual Family Writing Night on Wednesday, October 23rd at 6:30 in the cafeteria. All Sherman students and their families are welcome.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Flynn at [flynnnc@shermanschool.com](mailto:flynnnc@shermanschool.com)

### REMINDERS + IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- NO SCHOOL: 11/5, 11/28, AND 11/29
- EARLY DISMISSAL 11/19 AND 11/27
- DELAYED OPENING 10/10



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM MR. O + MRS. L!**

**MATH IS EVERYWHERE!**

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Ms. Reidy  
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.Continued administration of the Physical Fitness Tests; Curl-ups, Push-ups, PACER, Sit & Reach.

Flag Football fundamentals and games!

### HEALTH

Ms. Blume  
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We will be learning more about myplate and nutrition! We will also learn more about the importance of sleep and exercise!

### ED-TECH

Mr. McGuire  
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Much of the month of November will be dedicated to team work and robotics with Lego WeDo 2.0 kits. This unit will include advanced challenges not used in grade 3.

### MUSIC/BAND

Mr. Trinchillo  
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Band Students are working on their band belts and fundamentals on their instruments.

General Music- Review of grade level music notation and its relation to band instruments. Focus on Syncopation and single eighth notes and rests.

### ART

Mrs. Yagid  
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We are taking lines for a walk! Students continue to explore "Line in Motion" as we consider the arrangement of lines in an optical illusion.

### STEAM

Mr. Rianhard  
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How could you survive a landslide? What design can you make to protect a house? Then.. Where does energy come from? How does a Rube Goldberg machine work?

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