



DECEMBER

FOURTH GRADE NEWSLETTER

READING

THIS MONTH, WE ARE ENJOYING OUR READ ALOUD OF TIGER RISING. STUDENTS ARE LISTENING TO THE CHARACTERS CHANGE AND GROW AS WE JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE WITH THEM. WE WILL BE FOCUSING ON FICTION TEXT AND DELVING INTO CHARACTERS. WE ARE CONTINUING OUR STUDIES OF THE STORY ELEMENTS AND ARE ON THE HUNT FOR FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE IN OUR READING AND WORKING TOWARDS APPLYING IT TO OUR WRITING!



SO, REMEMBER, "DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER". BE SURE TO READ IT AND LOOK FOR FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE!

SPELLING/PHONICS

- SORT #12 /ER/ AND R-INFLUENCED E SPELLED ER, EAR, ERE, AND EER IN ACCENTED SYLLABLES
- SORT #13 UNACCENTED FINAL SYLLABLE -LE
- SORT #14 UNACCENTED FINAL SYLLABLE /EL/ SPELLED -LE, -EL, -IL, -AL
- SORT #15 UNACCENTED FINAL SYLLABLE /ER/ SPELLED -ER, -AR, -OR

WRITING

WRITING THIS MONTH WILL CONTINUE TO BE DEDICATED TO NARRATIVE TEXT. WE WILL WORK ON OUR CHARACTER'S DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENT STRATEGIES TO EXPAND ON SETTING DESCRIPTION. THEN WE WILL DRAFT AND REVISE WITH AN EYE TOWARD BELIEVABILITY. OUR FOCUS WILL INCLUDE A VARIETY OF TRANSITIONS, DESCRIPTIVE SETTINGS AND INCLUDING CORRECT PUNCTUATION. FINALLY, THE CHILDREN WILL PREPARE FOR PUBLICATION WITH AN AUDIENCE IN MIND.



MATH

OUR NEXT BRIDGES UNIT WILL HAVE AN EMPHASIS ON COMPARING MULTI DIGIT NUMBERS, USING THE STANDARD ALGORITHM FOR ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION. IN ADDITION, MEASURING LENGTH, DISTANCE, LIQUID VOLUME, TIME, MASS AND WEIGHT WILL ALL BE ADDRESSED..



REAL WORLD CHALLENGE:

SHOPPING FOR THE HOLIDAYS CAN BE A TALL ORDER! WHILE YOU ARE OUT SHOPPING, BE SURE TO MARK THE TIME YOU START AND CALCULATE HOW MUCH TIME YOU'VE SPENT DURING YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING EXCURSIONS!



SENDING OUT CARE PACKAGES? HOW MUCH DID IT WEIGH? HOW FAR DOES IT NEED TO TRAVEL? THINGS TO PONDER...

SOCIAL STUDIES

THIS MONTH FOURTH GRADE JOURNEYS TO THE SOUTH IN OUR STUDIES OF THE U.S. REGIONS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO AIM OUR ATTENTION TOWARDS STUDYING THE STATES AND CAPITALS OF THE REGION AND LEARNING ABOUT WHERE THEY ARE LOCATED. REMEMBER, SPELLING COUNTS!

IN THIS UNIT, WE WILL VISIT THE BAYOUS OF NEW ORLEANS, AND LISTEN TO THE TOE TAPPING BEATS OF BLUEGRASS IN THE COAL MINES OF APPALACHIA. WE WILL ALSO INVESTIGATE THE COTTON PLANTATIONS OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SPACE CENTER AT CAPE CANAVERAL, THE EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARKS IN FLORIDA, AND SO MUCH MORE!



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.



"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island." - Walt Disney

Books make great holiday gifts! The Horn Book Fanfare list has plenty of suggestions [here](#) and The New York Times "Story Time" column is full of great titles for kids of all ages. Happy holidays, and happy reading!

Mrs. Flynn
 Contact Mrs. Flynn at flynn@shermanschool.com

REMINDERS + IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- NO SCHOOL 12/23/19-1/1/20
- EARLY DISMISSAL 12/10
- REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION 12/13



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
-MRS. LINERO AND MRS. O.



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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

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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

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In December we will continue and most likely finish our study of robotics using the Lego WeDo 2.0 kits. We will pay particular attention to gears and pulleys.

MUSIC/BAND

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Band Students are preparing for their Winter Concert performances!

General Music- Review of grade level music notation and its relation to band instruments. Begin unit on triple time signatures.

ART

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We have started planning our next projects, and they are... students' choice! Many students are working collaboratively on three-dimensional sculptures; others are exploring paint!

STEAM

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Modeling the understanding of the rock cycle to explain how sand gets to beaches. Students will also begin learning about different forms of energy and designing Rube Goldberg machines.

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