



Fourth Grade Newsletter

December



Curriculum News

Math

- We will use strategies and algorithms, including standard algorithm, to divide up to a four-digit dividends by a one-digit divisor.
- We will solve with fluency one-and two-step problems involving multiplication and division, including interpreting remainders.

Language Arts

- We will "Write to Explain" as we work on expository writing fluency; create compositions that establish a central idea, include supporting sentences with facts, details and explanations, and contain a concluding statement.
- We will write poems that convey sensory details using the conventions of poetry.
- We will understand, make inferences and draw conclusions about the structure and elements of poetry and provide evidence from text to support our understanding.
- We will explain how the structural elements of poetry (rhyme, meter, stanzas, line breaks) relate to form (lyrical poetry, free verse).

Science

- We will demonstrate the effects of force on an object (push/pull, gravity, friction, or magnetism)
- We will create an experiment to test the effects of force on an object such as push, pull, gravity, friction, and magnets.

Social Studies

- We will explain why the Spanish established settlements and Catholic missions in Texas.
- We will identify and compare characteristics of the Spanish colonial government and the early Mexican government and their influence on the inhabitants of Texas.
- We will identify Texas' role in the Mexican War of Independence and its impact on Texas.
- We will identify and explain the accomplishments and economic motivations and impact of significant empresarios.

You Need to Know!

- 4th graders will participate in 3rd Grade Market Days as the consumer this year. Please send change to school on this day to help support the 3rd graders. Thank you!
- Holiday Class parties will be on Friday, December 16. Please synergize as Homeroom Parents coordinate this celebration.
- PTA Family Night movie on December 8th will be the "Polar Express".
- Have a wonderful Winter Break!



Don't forget....

- Changes to parent pick-up will begin when we return from the holiday break.
- Students will enjoy recess outdoors when the weather is above 32 degrees and precipitation-free.



Kid Friendly App

We strongly suggest adult supervision while children explore this, or any other, kid friendly app.

Math Duel

Practice solving problems on your own, or against other players, in this multiplayer problem-solving game. Your skills are put to the test, challenging your speed and accuracy as you add, subtract, multiply, and divide.

Important DATE!

Mark Your

December Calendar

- 2 Principal/Parent Coffee
- 2 Spirit Stick sale
- 2 Last day for Coats for Kids
- 2 Fall Mileage Team ends
- 3 UIL District Meet
- 5-9 Computer Science Week
- 7-8 Cool Cat Cash Store
- 8 3rd Grade Market Days
- 8 PTA Family Movie Night
- 9 PTA Staff Appreciation-Sweet Shop
- 16 Holiday Classroom Parties
- 16 Last Day for Project Elf
- 19 Winter Break

