

FABULOUS FOURTH GRADE

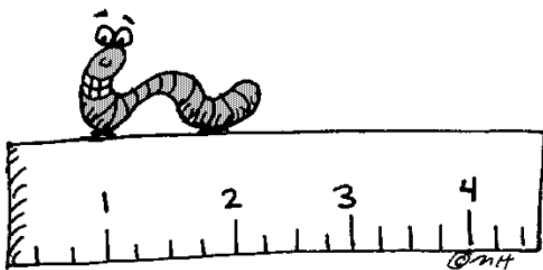
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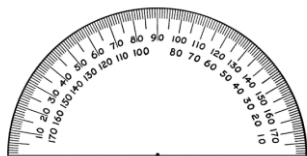
Testing Genre Unit of Study

During the month of April our Testing Genre unit of study will focus on the following essential questions for the **Mathematics** assessments:

- How do we apply what we have learned to answer multiple choice questions?
- How we construct answers to short response questions?
- What are the features of a 2-point short response?
- How do we answer extended-response questions well?
- What are the features of a 4-point constructed response?
- How do we focus our attention for extended periods of time?



In Mathematics we will also focus on using mathematical tools such as a ruler and a protractor.



How to Help Your Child

New York State Mathematics Assessment
Wednesday, May 1 and Thursday, May 2

In preparation for this May's exams, please make sure your children:

- Get a good night's sleep each night
- Bring at least three sharpened #2 pencils to school each day and a healthy snack
- Arrive at school on time

Please encourage your children to do their best each day and remind them to RELAX!



English Language Arts

Unit: Reading Across Genres

Big Idea: Students will work on building reading skills to successfully perform on any reading assessment.

- Students will apply reading comprehension skills and strategies to a variety of genres.
- Students will understand and follow directions
- Students will deconstruct multiple choice, and short and extended response questions.

How to Help at Home

- Encourage your child to read a variety of genres, including short stories.
- Review academic vocabulary, such as folk tales, short stories, fairy tales, and fables.

Social Studies

Unit of Study: Freedom and the New Nation: Federal, State and Local Government

Essential Questions:

- What were the steps leading to the Articles of Federation and the Constitution?
- What were some of the earliest political parties in the United States?
- What are the branches of government?
- What was life like for freed slaves in the United States after the Revolutionary War?
- What were some causes of the Civil War?

How to Help at Home:

- Ask your child to discuss what they are learning using the essential questions above.
- Review the content area vocabulary

Stanford Harmony

We will discuss methods of dealing with stress and coping when we are nervous or unsure of ourselves.

MUSIC - MRS. GLEMBOSKI

In 4th Grade Music, we will continue learning the Ukulele! Your child will be learning basic and familiar folk tunes on the ukulele. We will begin exploring with singing and accompanying ourselves on simple songs on the ukulele. Musicians will also dive deeper into choral repertoire this spring. Please visit our new music website at: <http://mrsglemboskismusicroom.weebly.com/>



Computers-Mr. Caniano

Our fourth graders will be working to create a research presentation on an animal this month. We will be gathering our research, organizing it with a thinking map, and creating a presentation using Microsoft *PowerPoint*. Each presentation will include research, pictures, transition, animations and audio narration. Please encourage your child to use *Microsoft PowerPoint* at home.

SCIENCE – MRS ROTHENBERG

Unit: Properties of Water and the Water Cycle

Our fourth graders will work to figure out how water is recycled through our Earth.

This month we will investigate the following questions:

- What is evaporation?
- What is condensation?
- What is precipitation?
- How is water recycled as a natural process on Earth?



ART-Ms. Pecoraro

Students will work on a drawing lesson that incorporates the design elements of scale, perspective, and proportion. This ‘close-up’ artwork is reminiscent of Stewart Little and the movie ‘Honey, I Shrunk the Kids’. I can’t wait to see the ideas of all of my talented students!

Look out for your child/children’s awesome Square 1 ArtComing Soon!

Supporting the Arts at Home:

Spring is in the air! Take a trip and go visit a museum or exhibit with your child! Here is a link with great museum resources: <https://www.timeout.com/new-york-kids/museums/nyc-museums-best-exhibits-for-kids>



Physical Education – Mr. Stewart

Last month we started “Kid’s Challenge” to assess skill and fitness performance. We will progress to using short handled implements during net games for sports like badminton and tennis. We will continue learning about health, nutrition, and disease prevention. In April we begin our baseball unit by focusing on base running, batting and fielding. Students will be able to adjust equipment, batting line-ups and fielding positions to create a differentiated environment! Spring into action by practicing catching cues with your learner!

Looking Ahead:

April 2 - April 3: NY State ELA Exam
April 5th- PTA Family Fun Night 6 p.m.

April 10th- International Food Fair

April 15th- Dad’s Den 6:30 p.m.

April 19th-26th- Spring Break (School closed)

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