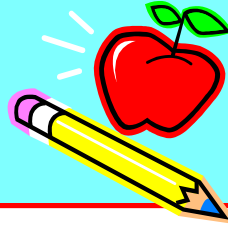




# FOURTH GRADE



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## Fourth Grade Curriculum Newsletter

### Math

We will be working on multiplication and division. It is very important to learn all of our multiplication facts because this will help make this unit a success.

### Science

We will finish up working with food chains and webs. Then, we will begin learning about water. We will focus on the properties of water and the water cycle.



### Social Studies

We will finish up our work with the Iroquois by going to see Native American dancers at Queens College. Then, we will begin learning about the Colonial Times. We will focus on their way of life and also compare and contrast it to our lives now.

### Reader and Writer's Workshop

Some of our fourth grade readers have ventured outside to enjoy autumn poems and stories in the beautiful garden at I.S 217. We listened to the sounds, and enjoyed the beautiful sights of the season as we relished our reading time together. Other children used the time to collect thoughts and grow ideas for their writing. Besides enjoying the beauty of Briarwood in autumn, we learned that reading and writing could happen anywhere!

During the first two months of school we worked on "Building a Reading Life" as well as studying and analyzing characters in fiction stories. We are ready to tackle our next unit of study: non-fiction books. We will learn and practice new strategies to support this type of reading work. Such strategies include: thinking about what we already know and synthesizing that with our new learning, paying attention to and using the text features to support our learning, and determining importance as we read.

One way you can support our work at home is by reading and examining other types of non-fiction material with your child. Examples of this include newspaper articles, menus, catalogs, speeches, advertisements, and even Election Day flyers you receive in the mail!

We look forward to working and learning with your child and we are grateful for your participation and enthusiasm. By November's end your child should be able to teach you all about something!

Please stop by and visit me during Parent teacher conferences in November. I look forward

to meeting you.

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