

# 4TH GRADE NEWS

DECEMBER 2024

## What We'll Be Learning

### Reading/Language Arts

This month, students will begin to complete analytical writing prompts with minimal assistance. Students will also explore poetry and its elements in order to apply these skills to their work.

### Math

This month, students will continue to strengthen their division skills through real world application. By the end the month, we will shift our focus to decimals where students will begin to relate decimals to fractions using diagrams and sketches.

### Science/Social Studies

In science, students will continue to explore the relationship between energy and collisions. We will also begin investigating various energy sources and evaluating the impact they have on our environment.

In social studies, students will explore the arrival and impact of West Africans and Europeans in what is now known as Maryland. We will also discuss and explore winter holidays and family traditions that are honored in our classroom community.

## Ways to Help at Home

### Reading

- Start reading poetry at home
- Try writing your own poem
- Keep reading for 20 minutes a day!

### Math

- Practice saying the names of amounts out loud in ways that preserve the place value.
- Use estimation to think about money. For example, if an item costs \$13.88, is it closest to \$13 or \$14?

### Social Studies

- Share family history and existing traditions
- Work together to create one new family tradition.

## Important Dates

- Dec. 18: Progress Reports Released Online
- Dec. 20: 3-hour Early Dismissal for Students (Teacher Planning)
- Dec. 23 - Jan. 3: Winter Break (No School)