



Tales of the Fourth Grade

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Welcome Spring!

Even though it's been a long winter, we have been doing a lot of work. Students are gearing up and preparing for the ELA and Math State Exams in the classroom and at home. We are also busy preparing for the New York State Science Performance Test and written exam. The Performance Test will be for all fourth grade classes, May 24th through May 31st. Different groups of students will be scheduled each day. The written exam will be, for all fourth grade students on June 5th.

The students also enjoyed the fourth grade Nonfiction/ Science Research Group Project Celebration on March 3rd. They shared what they learned from doing their group research with their friends, family and each other. This experience helped students get ready for higher education by working collaboratively, learning how to do constructive research and by writing thesis statements and bibliographies.

The fourth grade thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the New Victory Theater to see, "Water on Mars." The students experienced a magical, circus show, with amazing juggling, music and special effects! We had an amazing time! We also enjoyed our trip to the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, where we toured the facilities and got to practice our tennis skills.

Upcoming Events/ Important Dates:

* March 28, 29, and 30: ELA State Exam

* April 10th – April 18th: Spring Recess

* May 2, 3 and 4: Math State Exam

* May 24th – May 31st: Week of Science Lab;
Classes will be assigned on one or two days of this week.

Classes 4-200 and 4-206 will get to experience the excitement of the tennis trip April 6, the new, rescheduled date due to snow.

Our math curriculum continues this spring with further exploration into fractions, geometry and measurement, as well as area and perimeter. As always, our interactive math program, GoMath, will help students with the concepts they are learning by supporting the math curriculum with fun and appropriate online learning.

We also look forward to the upcoming inter-class celebration in May and June which will focus on informational text and math design and architecture.

In the Future:

In Class Book Club Study

School Spirit Days; Sports Day

Grade Four Community Service Project: Jared Boxes; Helping to shine a light of happiness into the lives of terminally ill children/ Cohen's Children's Medical Center at Long Island Jewish Hospital

Science Lab Exploration in Classrooms.

Mother's Day Plant Sale

***REMEMBER TO CONTINUE WORKING AT HOME ON IREADY, TENMARKS, THINKCENTRAL AND RAZ! THESE ARE WONDERFUL AND FUN WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR MATH AND READING SKILLS USING EXCITING TECHNOLOGY!**

