

**Fourth Grade Newsletter**

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| **English Language Arts**  ***Reading***  This month we are preparing the students for the ELA State exam. The students will be introduced to a variety of test taking strategies to help them succeed. The students will learn to read a passage closely by road mapping and annotating the text. They will learn how to answer different questions by understanding what kind of question it is and where in the text they can find the answer.  ***Writing***  In continuance with reading, we are preparing the students to answer a short response by supporting the questions with two details. In the extended response, we will practice writing a four paragraph essay which includes an introduction and conclusion. | **Math**  We will continue our work with fractions. We are working on renaming improper fractions to mixed numbers; adding and subtraction fractions. Soon after that, we will introduce multiplying fractions.  **Please continue to practice your multiplication facts and division strategies.**  Image result for spring clipartWord problems are an important part of our curriculum! We use the Problem Solving steps as a tool to help guide the students through the word problems |
| **Content**  **Social Studies**  Our next unit will focus on local and state government of the United States.  **Science**  **In our new Unit- Vision and Light, students investigate the role that animal senses, primarily vision, play in survival as they try to understand a realistic fictional problem with a real organism.**   Reminder:  The **NYS Fourth Grade Science Test** is at the end of the year.  **May 22nd- May 31st** **,2019**      -Performance Test  **June 3rd, 2019**                         -Written section  Check website for past tests-  [**http://www.nysedregents.org/grade4/science/home.html**](https://nam01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.nysedregents.org%2Fgrade4%2Fscience%2Fhome.html&data=02%7C01%7CFBisognoscodes%40schools.nyc.gov%7C019526d2feea44c5099d08d6a16aed5b%7C18492cb7ef45456185710c42e5f7ac07%7C0%7C0%7C636873877950224605&sdata=jgrFz3X7c8shqqe5f%2FE3IrLpkrahVp8iKUGaeXq0pBg%3D&reserved=0)  Image result for welcome spring clipart | **Important Dates**  **Mar 14**- Parent Teacher Conference – Report Card Distributed  Half Day Schedule dismissal is 11:10am!  **\*Trip to Harbor Defense Museum – Dates vary for each class**  **Image result for st patricks day clipart** |