



April News



April 2024

Hello Families,

I know it is only April but we are already planning for the end of the year! Below is information about classroom happenings for the month of April...and beyond.

Academic Update: In language arts, we continue our work with our anchor text, *Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America*. We are planning some fun, baseball-themed activities for either Friday, April 12 or Monday April 15 (Jackie Robinson Day). More information coming soon. We hope to finish our novel study of *My Side of the Mountain* by the end of the month. The students created Survival Guides with the help of the book and its companion, *Pocket Guide to the Outdoors*, also by Jean Craihghead George. Towards the end of the month, we start our Shakespeare unit! (see below)

In math, we will finish *Unit 5: Operations with Fractions* and start *Unit 6: Investigations in Measurement; Decimal Multiplication and Division*. In social studies, we are finishing our study of the US regions. As a culminating project, students will write and present reports on a state of their choice. (They might have a few ideas for summer vacation!) When we return from April vacation, we will start are next science unit, *Earth and Space*.

Shakespeare Unit Introduction: For over a decade, fifth grade students have enjoyed a unit of study on William Shakespeare. They learn about the history of Elizabethan England, Shakespeare's life and works, and study, in-depth, a children's version of one of Shakespeare's plays. The culmination of this unit will be a performance of this play during the first days of June. Our tentative parent performance date in Tuesday, June 4 at 1:30pm. Save the date!

Warmly,

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Reminders:

- Friday, April 12 or Monday, April 15 - Jackie Robinson Day (baseball-themed games)
- Tuesday, April 16 & Wednesday April 17 - NHSAS Science Testing
- Wednesday, April 17 - early release
- Monday, April 22 through Friday, April 26 - April Vacation
- Tues, April 30 & May 1 NHSAS Reading Testing/May 9 & 10 NHSAS Math Testing
- Wednesday, May 8 - Fisher Cats Baseball Game Field Trip
- Saturday, May 11 - Fun Run
- Tuesday, June 4, 1:30 (outside room 904) - Shakespeare Parent Play Performance