



A Message from Ms. Livia and Ms. Elizabeth

Welcome to 2019 and thank you for all your support so far! Please continue to encourage your child to complete I-Ready and turn in homework when due. The homework calendar is a great resource for helping you to keep track of homework for the month.

Important Dates:

Classes resume: 01/08/2019

NO SCHOOL: 01/21/2019

Open House for Prospective Parents: 01/26/2019
(10am-12pm)

Report Cards Sent Home: 01/30/2019

Classroom Needs:

Lysol Wipes!

Hand Sanitizer

Copy and lined Paper

Science

Science Weekly learning topics: The 4th grade students will be provided with opportunities to discover and learn about Physical Science: States of Matter and Properties of Matter. Also, they will continue learning about protecting and conserving Earth. The 5th graders will delve into Matter and Energy concepts including Sound, Light, Electricity, Magnetism, and Motion.

Social Studies

Social Studies for the Month of January will focus on Renaissance Studies in preparation for our 3rd Quarter Field trip to the Renaissance Festival on February. They will be learning about the fundamental needs of humans during the Renaissance and Middle Ages.

Language/Reading

The students will learn about issues bordering on social justice. Fifth grade students will learn about the Holocaust while the fourth-grade students will learn about Cesar Chavez's fight which led to better conditions for farm workers. Both levels will continue to learn strategies and skills like inferencing, drawing conclusions, and the use of text structures to help comprehend various text genres.

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The students will be introduced to Montessori materials for Synonyms and Mechanics: Quotation Marks. They will use material towers to help them understand and apply skills in their writing and reading activities.

Writing

The writing goal for January is that the students practice and understand how to use concrete and transitional words, as well as, hook sentences to make their informative writing stronger and clearer.

Math

Fourth-grade will focus on adding and subtracting mixed fractions, understanding fractions as multiplication, and multiplying fractions as tenths and hundredths.

Fifth-graders will continue learning strategies that will help them multiply and divide fractions, solve fraction word problems, evaluate and analyze expressions, as well as, understand patterns and their relationship.

Peace/Character Education: Self-Discipline

We are responsible for our actions. This month, we will concentrate on how to act appropriately.



“The education of the hand is particularly important since the hand is an organ of the mind, the means which the human intelligence uses to express itself.” *Dr. Maria*

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