

#### 4th Grade Weekly Communication Date: 1/31/2020

\*\*\*COLD WEATHER REMINDER\*\*\* On days when the temperature drops below 32 degrees, students will have IN-DOOR recess. On days when the temperature drops below 45 degrees, students must have appropriate winter attire to be permitted outside for recess. What's on the horizon-

February- Courage 6th 100th day of school / NED Show 10th Progress Reports sent home Unit 6 Test (1st/2nd period) on Adding/Subtracting fractions/mixed numbers and multiplying 13th whole numbers by a fraction. 14th Valentine's Day - ½ Day 1st Due date for Myrtle Beach permission slips & payment 17th No School-Presidents Day 28th Jeans Day March – *Encouragement* 3rd **Reading Night** 5th \$1 T-Shirt Day / Boosterthon Pep rally 9th Progress reports sent home 11th End of 2nd Trimester Conferences - No School for students: Father/Mother dances 13th 16th Fun Run 8:30-12:30 23rd-27th **Book Fair** Moral Focus assembly-Ms. Talik's 3rd core performance 26th 27th Jeans Day/Spring Carnival

# **Science/Social Studies**

Hello Families! Well another month has flown by, I cant believe how fast this school year is going. The students will soon begin filming their "Visit North Carolina" vacation infomercials and they are so excited to start production. I am very proud of the hard work they are putting into this

process which has combined research, collaboration, and perseverance! As I mentioned last week, we will continue with Social Studies for the next two weeks.

The first deadline for the Myrtle Beach field trip is quickly approaching. February 14th is the date to either have your child's full payment or the 1st installment payment turned in. For students who are not attending, it would be very helpful to have these permission slips returned in to their homeroom teacher as well. This fun adventure will be here before we know it!:) Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Have a wonderful weekend! Sincerely, Mrs. Garvin

# **Reading/Writing**

My word!!! The students are loving our latest novel, *Percy Jackson's Greek Gods*. When I close the book to end our read alouds, roars of "nooooooo" and "keep reading!" It makes my ELA teacher heart flutter! While we continue to read our book next week, we will be focusing on citing evidence to explain character motivation (RL.4.1 & RL.4.3). Students will also continue to practice their Unit 7 vocabulary words.

Please help your student review their graded word that comes home. I am seeing some careless mistakes made by students who **aren't** going back in the text to find the answers, or who are rushing through. This can impact their scores greatly! I have been telling the students that if they go back into the text, find their answer, and highlight it, they are more likely to have the answer correct than those who just answer the question. A great deal of 4th grade ELA is focused on citing evidence, and they should be practicing this while completing independent practice. If you or your student have any questions about this skill, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you for all your time and dedication to your student's success,

Ms. Talik

### Math

**1st/2nd Period:** We have had so much fun with fractions! (It's also one of my favorite skills to teach!) Next week we are really going to focus on word problems and understanding the difference between adding/subtracting and multiplying word problems with fractions. Sometimes word problems can be a little tricky! Please review any graded work that comes home and encourage your child to slow down and always check their work. A math test on these skills will be on February 13th! : ) **3rd Period (MUM):** We are on a ROLL!! I we are currently working on volume and reviewing area and perimeter by working on designing a dog park! Students will work on this dog park project at school

during class. They are welcome to build their dog park for extra credit if they want! The project will be due early March. After we work this week on volume we are going to spend a week on metric and customary conversions. Students will be able to use a calculator and conversion chart for this unit.

#### \*\*NOTE TO ALL PARENTS\*\*\*

I am working very hard to stay on top of missing assignments by checking to make sure that students have turned in work before I take it home to grade over the weekend. If gradebook reflects a zero on an assignment, please know that I have previously asked your child for this assignment and have given out extra copies when necessary. I am working hard to hold students accountable for their choices and if work is over a week late, it will no longer be accepted. Again, please know that we have routines and procedures on what to do if work is complete or incomplete. Students are given several opportunities to finish assignments after class and they are also allowed to take it home to complete. My goal is to have students understand the importance of turning in their work. Thank you for helping me support and grow your student; not only academically but also with life skills!

Thank you for your support in your child's education, Mrs. Camp