

TRAVELOGUE FROM ROUTE 21

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"In the spring,
at the end of
the day, you
should smell
like dirt."

-Margaret Atwood

With the weather changing its mind all the time, please be sure to have outdoor gear ready for your child. We've had some chilly kiddos!

As I'm sure you already know, our class is on safety duty until the end of the year. For those kids who filled out an application at the beginning of the year, they are now working in the DK rooms during indoor recess and Bus Buddies in the Kindergarten rooms. They are NOT missing any direct instruction time. Please help your child remember to bring back their belt daily!

Our math unit is looking at division and angles. We will explore the relationship between multiplication and division by developing a method for dividing whole numbers and solving division number stories. We will be working with protractors, exploring with them how to construct and measure angles.



Our next unit in science is on electricity and magnetism!

It's probably not shocking for me to tell you how attracted 4th graders are to this unit! :) We will be working with both Snap Circuits as well as circuit boards. Be prepared for requests for materials to replicate projects at home!

Our new unit in literature is the study of historical literature! We are enjoying the read aloud The Hero Two Doors Down—the true story of Jackie Robinson moving into a Jewish neighborhood. This book is written by Jackie's daughter!



Be sure to be filling in those March is Reading Month calendars. Remember, Monday begins NO Tech week!

Book order is coming home this week! I know that we just had the Book Fair, however there are some AMAZING books you might just need for Spring Break!



As was shared at conferences, it is imperative that the 4th graders master all four types of math facts before heading into 5th grade. Please keep practicing those M&M's!

Now added to the M&M books is a practice booklet for long division. This will be coming home as part of their homework the week of March 11 in lieu of our regular Homelinks. Please check your child's agenda for the expectations each day. Additionally, this booklet needs to be coming back and forth DAILY!

We have a circle chant we use to remember the order of the process

- ⇒ Divide
- ⇒ Multiply
- ⇒ Subtract
- ⇒ Bring it down



Now, if you want to have some fun with your child, click onto the following link. This song's chorus is actually broken down into 4 parts and we use it to chant the steps. Have your child demonstrate! Additionally, nobody says "I can't do it!" when it's playing!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y6Sxv-sUYtM>

- March 16 - Pencil Hangout
- March 17 - Spirit Day: Wear green
- March 18 - Spirit Day: Wear your words and book order is due!
- March 22 - 4th Grade field trip to Grand Rapids Public Museum—bring a sack lunch!
- March 22 - Empty Bowls Dinner Open House 5-7pm
- March 25 - Spirit Day: Wear your ball cap
- March 28 - Kids Food Basket Presentations

APRIL:

- April 1 - NO SCHOOL
- April 4-8 - SPRING BREAK. NO SCHOOL.
- April 11 - 2 HOUR LATE START

