



Students have settled into Fourth Grade and are working hard. We are busy reviewing skills and learning new things. Please check your child's planner daily to see what we are working on, as well as, important things happening in the classroom.

### Language Arts

In Language Arts, we reviewed proper sentence structure and practiced correcting run-on sentences and turning fragments into complete sentences. Students spent time working with the four types of sentences and identifying the subject and predicate. We will focus on different parts of speech throughout the year. Nouns are currently being reviewed.

In Reading, we have been working with stories from many different genres including expository text, realistic fiction, and argumentative text. Students have learned vocabulary, analyzed stories, identified the author's purpose, worked on citing evidence from the text, and summarizing.

### Science

We have been investigating forces and motion in science class. Students have watched videos, read information in their textbooks, and completed inquiry activities in class to help them understand the role mass, surface area, gravity, and friction have on an object's

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motion. As we continue our studies, we will explore speed and energy transfer.

### Social Studies

We spent the first quarter learning about the geography of the United States. Physical features of the country, weather and resources, as well as the human activities affected by the geography of our country were explored. We will now move on to take a deeper look at each of the five regions and we will start with the Northeast region.

### Math

During the first quarter, we spent time reviewing place value and introduced the millions period. We practiced rounding, comparing, and ordering whole numbers. In our addition unit, we used our understanding of place value to round numbers and estimate the sums. We worked on adding multidigit numbers using strategies and properties of addition. Subtraction was also reviewed and practiced. Many of the upcoming math skills are related to multiplication and it is very important that students are able to easily recall their multiplication facts. Please spend time reviewing the multiplication flash cards that each student made in class. Mastery of multiplication facts (0-10) is an important tool moving forward.