



# 3/4 Unit Newsletter

## February 2020

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday 2/5: Literacy Night  
5-7 pm

Monday 2/10: Social Justice unit  
of learning begins

Friday 2/21: Early Release 1:00

Thursday-Friday 2/27-28:  
Wisdom Convention!

Thursday 2/27, Tuesday 3/3, and  
Friday 3/6: Student-led  
conferences

### WELCOME STUDENT TEACHERS!

We have welcomed three student teachers in our unit: Sarah (with Chad), Maggie (with Denise), and Allie (with Beth). Sarah and Maggie will be with us until the end of March, and Allie will be with us through the end of the school year.

## What We're Studying

**READING:** Third and fourth grade readers are starting to study fiction characters more closely. We will get to know characters by studying their actions, thoughts, and feelings. Then we will also notice the journeys that characters are on and try to use those journeys to make predictions about the stories.

During Literacy Night on February 5, our 3/4 unit will be creating comprehension cubes that will act like dice. You will be able to put questions on each side and those cubes make a fun way to talk about reading and characters with your child.

**MATH:** Third grade mathematicians are learning about multiplication, division, and area. We will begin to solve division problems and explore the relationship between multiplication and division. We will also use multiplication to understand how to solve the area of a rectangle.

Fourth grade mathematicians are measuring length, distance, volume, time, mass and weight. We are also converting measurements within the same system, like centimeters to meters. These conversions will require us to use our knowledge of the four operations, as well as decimals.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE:** During writing this month and next, students will be learning about social justice. This includes developing an understanding or empathy for the following topics: people with illnesses, the elderly, women's empowerment, poverty, and people with disabilities. Over the next five weeks, students will learn about these topics, and then they will be asked to write an opinion essay about one after spring break.