



Grade 4 Winter Newsletter

Dates to Remember:

Week of February 19 - School Vacation

March 9 - No School Professional Day for Staff

March 12 - Star Party - more details to follow (Make-up dates due to weather conditions: March 13, 14)

Reading

Fourth graders are enjoying studying various genres of folklore. We have studied Native American myths and legends, and will now cover American Tall Tales, Fables, Fairytales, and other Folktales. This is a wonderful opportunity to share some of your favorites with your children. Nine and ten year-olds loved to be read to!

Math

We are learning how to multiply a two-digit factor by a two-digit factor. Then, we will learn how to long divide. It is *very* important that your child practice multiplication facts at home. Also, continue to look for opportunities to practice math skills in time, money, and measurement. Using math in their every-day life makes these concepts more meaningful to children.

Science

We will continue learning about weather as we study the regions of the United States. Later in February, we begin our discussion of the Earth in space. This includes understanding what is in our Solar System, how planets rotate and revolve, and understanding "Our Place in Space." We will also discuss the major constellations of the Northern Hemisphere. In March, all 4th graders in Acton will have the opportunity to observe the moon, some planets and constellations under a beautiful full moon at a *STAR PARTY!* More information will follow as the event nears.

Social Studies

Our classes are finishing up our last United States regions of study. Next, we will move on to learn about our nearest neighbors, Canada and Mexico. We will study these two countries as we learn about the early European Explorers of North America.