



## Parent Update 4<sup>th</sup> Grade January 17, 2017

### Announcements

- Please remember that we have several students with severe peanut allergies in our classrooms. Please ensure that your child **DOES NOT BRING A SNACK THAT CONTAINS PEANUTS** to eat in the classroom. The cafeteria is totally fine, but the classroom needs to be peanut free. Thank you for understanding.
- Don't forget to order your yearbook online! If you need directions, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

**Language Arts:** We will be reading Antarctic Journal this week, a Narrative Non-Fiction text. Students will be able to:

- Distinguish the difference between Similes and Metaphors
- Use the comprehension strategy of summarizing a piece of text
- Sequencing events of the story

**Math:** Students will be working with fractions. They will be able to explain why some fractions are equivalent by using models and generating equivalent fractions. Please continue to work on multiplication facts at home as it strengthens the foundation for fractions.

### Spelling:

| Journey's Spelling Words Unit 13 |          |          |           |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| wiped                            | covered  | mapped   | pleasing  |
| slipped                          | putting  | traveled | seeking   |
| visiting                         | mixed    | shipped  | phoning   |
| offered                          | smelling | hiking   | checking  |
| fainted                          | landed   | becoming | wandering |

**Science:** Students will continue their unit on Magnets this week by looking at Electromagnets.

**AZ Studies:** Students will learn about Arizona's Statehood as well as the people who were important to Arizona's History.

### Coming Events:

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| January 16 | No School- MLK Day   |
| January 18 | PTO Meeting at 6:30pm  |
| January 26 | BINGO Night from 5-7pm   |
| January 24 | PTO Food Night from 5-9pm: Café Zupas                          |
| March 1    | 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip: Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum |

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us,

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### A Note from the Principal~

Birthday parties are an important part of each child's life. However student birthday parties are not held at school. This policy helps to ensure that instructional time is protected and that all children are treated equally.

The school and teacher have a variety of ways for recognizing students' birthdays that do not interfere with instruction and that do not create inequities for children.

Food is often a part of school celebrations. When planning snacks for school celebrations, remember that state law requires that **no home-cooked food** be distributed to students during school hours. This practice is intended to protect students from the spread of communicable disease. Thank you for your understanding and support.