

Stanley-Boyd Elementary

Fourth Grade Newsletter

-----February Edition-----

What We've Been Up To...

February has flown by! We can't believe that next week will be the first days of March! Read on to see what we accomplished this month and what is coming up in fourth grade!

This month we have continued our learning with fractions as we learned how to add and subtract both fractions and mixed numbers. We solved many story problems involving fraction computation and worked hard to be fraction masters! After working with fractions, we transitioned into learning how to divide. Currently we are working to see how we can pull out equal groups of a number to divide up a larger number. This isn't an easy task but we are working hard on it. In a few days, we will also be building on our knowledge of angles. We will finally learn how to use PROTRACTORS as we learn how to measure angles.

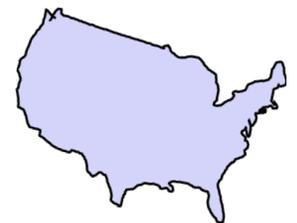


In reading, we have continued working with the Wonders Series. Each week we have a different question to focus on as we read different texts. This month we read historical fiction, nonfiction, and fantasy while looking into topics involving the government, inventions, and the sky. While reading the different genres, we have also focused on understanding cause and effect relationships, as well as the point of view of a text.

In writing, our attention has been focused on our realistic fiction stories. We have worked incredibly hard to write at least five chapters for our own realistic fiction stories. Next week we begin the process of finishing them up by revising, editing, and finally publishing them so we can share with our classmates! We are so excited to read each other's stories!



Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut... We have started our work in learning about the United States this month. Already we have learned about each of the fifty states, as well as how the states can be grouped to form regions. Then we learned about the four main regions of the US: The East, South, Midwest, and West. Starting next week, we will begin planning for our region museum. In this project, each fourth grade classroom takes one region and prepares exhibits to teach the other classes about their specific region. This event will be open to families so keep your eyes open for the invite that will be coming home in the next few weeks!



Planning Ahead

Conferences!!

Spring Parent-Teacher (and Student) conferences are quickly approaching. On the evenings of March 7 and 15, we will be having conferences. In your child's Friday Folder, you will find a reminder sheet that states your date and time that you signed up for. If this time doesn't work, please let me know. If you didn't sign up at Fall Conferences, you will find a list of available times. I look forward to seeing you as we talk about your students growth this year!

Read Across America Celebrations!!

Next week, our school will be celebrating with Read Across America Week. Included in your child's Friday Folder is the list of different dress up days for the week.