

**MATH:**

-CHAPTER 6: Lessons 6.3, 6.4,  
6.5

**READING:**

-Guided Reading Groups

**LANGUAGE ARTS**

-Wordly Wise Lesson  
5/Handwriting/Spelling  
Lesson 9

**SOCIAL STUDIES:**

-launched our study of  
California

**FYI FOR NEXT WEEK:**

NO SPELLING

Intro vocabulary (lesson 6)



December 25, 2015

Ms. Giss & Mrs. Daftari's Joyful  
4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE! 😊

**SOCIAL STUDIES: CALIFORNIA OUR HOME**

This week we were so excited to launch a study that is very meaningful for us. Fourth graders will be immersed in an in depth study of their home state, California. We launched the study by reading a beautiful book, California, by Pam Muñoz Ryan. Students enjoyed the illustrations and hearing about many of our cities and attractions. We studied a map of California and learned about the state symbols and regions and will continue to delve more deeply into the geographic regions (coastal, mountain, desert, and valleys) next week. We mentioned Father Junipero Serra and the California missions as well as the Gold Rush. We cannot wait to delve deeply into this geographic, historic, and fascinating unit! Look for more to come.

**MATH**

This week we continued to explore mixed numbers and improper fractions. Students practiced drawing and interpreting models of mixed numbers and improper fractions. They located them on number lines, and they are learning how to convert mixed numbers to improper fractions and vice versa using multiplication and division. We are excited that students are motivated to sharpen their fraction skills. We see them going on IXL in class and some have

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asked us to post Khan Academy videos on our class website. We have posted one and from that one you can easily get to more. The fractions test will likely be at the end of the week of January 4<sup>th</sup>. We will keep you posted on the actual date. In the meantime we encourage you to have your child try 1 or 2 problems on each of the extra practice OR reteach pages that are posted on our website. We have covered lessons 6.1-6.5 thus far.

### UPCOMING TESTS/IMPORTANT DATES:

NO SCHOOL: FRI JAN 1<sup>ST</sup>  
NEW YEARS' DAY

NO SPELLING NEXT WEEK

WORDLY WISE LESSON 6  
TEST: THURS. JAN 7<sup>TH</sup>  
(students can get a head start preparing on quizlet, as there will likely be a math quiz that week)

MONTHLY CALENDAR POSTED  
ON OUR HOMEPAGE

## Guided Reading Groups



We are so proud of our active readers! This week students took on the challenge of guiding some of their own reading! They lead their own small groups, reading, marking up, and discussing their texts. They continue to respond to their reading through double-entry journals, reading response

emails, drawing, and answering comprehension questions. We are pleased with their progress in stopping to define new and unfamiliar words and in reading “between the lines,” ie, making inferences. Ask them to tell you about the book they are reading!