

# Newsletter

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the theme of the play. Finally, students will work on understanding elements of drama

## Spelling/Vocabulary:

The words this week will come from our Journeys' series lesson 11. The spelling, vocabulary and the grammar tests are Friday, March 6th.

- whirling           \* rage
- rapidly            \* experience
- condense          \* ancient
- source             \* predict
- rotating           \* registered

## Vocabulary Strategies:

Our vocabulary strategy for the next two weeks is working with suffixes *-ful, -less, -ness, -ment*. Students will use common and Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of the word.

## Grammar:

Words that are frequently confused is our grammar skill for the week. The words sound alike but have different spellings and meanings. For example their, there, and they're.

## Math:

Students' Geometry Unit Tests were returned today. The corrections & reflection are due on Thursday, 2/27. On Tuesday we are starting a lengthy Fraction Unit. Students will begin by decomposing fractions to better understand fraction equivalence. Students will be using tape diagrams and area models to represent these decompositions. Next week, students will be moving on to using multiplication & division to generate equivalent fractions.

## Reading:

This week in reading, students will continue working on theme. They will read the drama **The Power of W.O.W!** They will see where all of the elements in the play come together to teach a lesson to the audience. Students will use details about the play's setting, the cast of characters, and

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the characters' actions in each scene to figure out

## Science:

This week in science we will finish our energy robots and share those with the class. We will also be diving into the study of thermal energy. We will do two small experiments this week that will help the students understand thermal energy better. We will learn how heat moves and also learn how temperature is related. Next week we will be doing a stem challenge involving insulators and conductors. It should be a fun two weeks in science!

## Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, February 26th - Anchor Academy  
Friday, February 28th - Field Test for KPREP  
Friday, March 6th - End of 4th 6wk grading period, 2 trimester  
Saturday, March 7th - Anchorage Auction  
Sunday, March 8th - Daylight Savings Time

## Social Studies:

In social studies, students will learn to identify Native American tribes from different geographic regions of North America. Plus, they will describe interactions among Native Americans, Africans, English, French, Dutch, and Spanish. Finally, students will identify the economic, political and socio-cultural motivation for colonial settlement.

## Writing:

This week in writing students will understand the features of a personal story. They will demonstrate focused word choices in their writing. Finally, students will learn to adjust their language choices according to their purposes and tasks.