

# NEWSLETTER

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## Anchorage

### Spelling/Vocabulary:

The words this week will come from our Journeys' series - lesson 12. The grammar/spelling/vocabulary tests are Friday, March 20, 2020.

- trembles
- wreckage
- slab
- possessions
- tenement
- \* crushing
- \* rubble
- \* debris
- \* timbers
- \* constructed

### Vocabulary Strategy:

Our new vocabulary strategy for the next two weeks is revisiting synonyms. We will work on identifying and using synonyms to make our writing pieces stronger, more concise and clearer.

### Grammar:

For the next two weeks, we will be revisiting nouns, possessive nouns, apostrophe, and plural possessive.

### Math:

This week in math, we will be proving fraction equivalence through the use of tape diagrams, multiplication, division, and number lines. Next, we will justify comparisons of two fractions by using benchmark fractions & common units. Finally, we will be adding & subtracting fractions with like denominators.

### Science:

This week in science we will review what we have learned about thermal energy. We will also learn about electricity this week. We will be doing a rotation lab with circuits. We will then move into studying light and sound waves. As we study these concepts, the

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students will continue to practice writing CERs. This is an important skill in all subject areas.

### Reading:

This week in reading students will have their last Jr. Great Book session. Our story for the week is Norma Fox Mazer's Tuesday of the Other June. Students will work on vocabulary words (recited, worrywart, and torment) and a comprehension strategy called "Asking the Right Questions."

### Upcoming Dates:

March 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> – Mary Poppins

March 30<sup>th</sup>- April 3<sup>rd</sup>- No School- Spring Break

### Special Announcements:

#### **"CALL OF THE WILD"**

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades Book Clubs

All wild 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>-grade readers are invited to participate in grade levels "CALL OF THE WILD" lunchtime book clubs. Our interactive literary activities are March 24 for 4<sup>th</sup> graders and March 25<sup>th</sup> for 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Students must complete the original Classic or a kid version of "CALL OF THE WILD" and bring their books, their lunches, and their discussion ideas to this event with a surprise dessert! Questions? Please e-mail me [robin.bowman@anchorage.kyschools.us](mailto:robin.bowman@anchorage.kyschools.us)

### Social Studies:

For the next two weeks, students will learn about more of the benefits of interactions among American Indians, explorers and colonists and will discuss the Columbian Exchange.

### Writing/Grammar:

This week in writing, students will practice another on-demand informational writing prompt. They will work on writing a beginning that introduces the topic and provides information that is organized in a way the makes sense. Then, they will add facts and examples that support the topic. Finally, they will write an ending that sums up the main points.