

## December News in Fourth Grade!

WOW, time is flying! We are now into the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 4<sup>th</sup> grade. With the holiday season upon us, please remind your child to make good choices. We continue to focus on RFES Pride by being responsible, friendly, engaged, and safe every day. Students are enjoying earning tickets for following RFES Pride and showing kindness to their classmates.

During reading class, we continue to focus on non-fiction and will wrap up the unit mid-December. Students are researching natural disasters, taking notes, completing projects, and creating PowerPoints of various extreme weather topics. Hopefully, they will teach you what they have learned!

In writing class, students continue to focus on the "Boxes and Bullets" structure to organize their thoughts. The structure of an essay is important, as students generate a thesis statement with specific reasons and examples to support each reason. Topics were carefully selected by your student; please ask them what topic they selected and their reasons for their claim.

This month, we will use different math operations to solve word problems in Topic 6. In topic 7, students will review math facts by identifying factors and multiples. PLEASE help your child continue to build his/her fact fluency, using online resources and/or flash cards.

In social studies, students will be thinking critically as they examine how economic wants and needs drive exploration and promote change. Students will be able to describe how colonization benefited specific groups of people at the expense of others. They will make connections between the past and apply them today. Students will become familiar with primary sources and continue to practice notetaking skills.

We continue to go outside when possible, so have your child keep a sweatshirt or jacket in their backpack.

We hope all our 4th grade families have a wonderful holiday season and restful winter break.

**\*\*IMPORTANT REMINDERS: Your child needs to be prepared for school daily with headphones or earbuds AND a charged device. Due to daily use of chrome books, please have your child carry his/her assigned charger in the backpack because we have a limited number of extra chargers available. \*\***