

Fourth Grade Update 12.18.20

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Dear Fourth Grade Families,

We made it to the end of 2020! And what a full week we had to round out the most different and challenging of calendar years. See some of the pictures attached. Here are some highlights:

- We had guests share Winter Traditions with us. Many thanks to Allison who spoke with us about Hannukah; Ananda who shared their Nutcracker collection; and Lisa Ostapinski who shared the craft of popcorn stringing.
- We continued our work with multiplication by studying multiplication story problems and reviewing the various strategies we have encountered including making quick sketches of arrays, decomposing numbers, and using the standard algorithm. More on these strategies into the new year.
- We finished reading Zia and answering comprehension questions through chapter 29. We spoke about how we noticed the author's perspective was reflective of a dominant narrative even though he wrote a story from the perspective of a young Indigenous girl.
- In social studies, we worked on completing our next timeline page on Indigenous resistance and rebellion during the time of the Spanish Mission system.
- We had an end of week celebration today called "Stop the World I Want to Get Off!" where the children played games, wrote, made drawings, and many other activities! It was a special way to build community and to acknowledge the end of our time together for a while.
- We continued our Music specialty rotation as well as PE, Learning Garden, and Equity and Justice.
- Students completed practice in Dreambox, Lexia, and Typing Club.

When class begins again in January, we will continue our work in poetry, will be jumping into division in math, and looking at the Rancho period in California history.

We hope you all have a relaxing and joy-filled break! We look forward to beginning a new year with all of you.

Warmly,

~Sara and Paul