

#### What's happening in ELA!

Last month students worked on Module 2: Come to your Senses. The focus was: How do people and animals use their senses to navigate the world around them. We read both non-fiction and fiction stories, looking at many different literacy skills which included: finding the central idea, summarizing what we read, looking for content- specific words, identifying text structure and thinking about the plot of a story. Our grammar lessons this month focused on writing complete sentences, identifying fragments and correcting run-ons.

Our writing focus this month was informational. Students learned how to write introductions and conclusions. They also worked on proper nouns in grammar.

### **Important Notes:**

- Please remind your child to make sure their chrome books are charged every night.
- Homework folders: Please check them nightly and empty the "stay at home side"
- As it gets cold, please make sure your fourth grader dresses for the weather.

# A Month of STEM

October saw us deepening our understanding of place value and applying those strategies to large multi digit addition and subtraction problems. Our unit moved quickly and we will certainly continue refining our skills with subtraction, especially across the dreaded zeros!

We are now turning our attention towards multiplication. Our new unit began with multiplicative comparisons. Students have been learning how to model these comparisons with bar models. They will be applying this tool to help understand and solve word both multiplication and division word problems that have an unknown.

### NOVEMBER

## coming up!

- 11/1 11/18 Food drive
- 11/13 Veteran's Day No School
- 11/16 Early Release
- 11/22 11/24 Thanksgiving
- 11/29 Holiday Shop