

Mr. Gruber's Class News

March, 2010

Math: The fourth grade is currently working on **Division**. We're going to learn the traditional way of doing multi-digit (long) division as well as some other methods of division.

The book has introduced some characters who each have a different way of doing division. So if you hear your students talking about **Ellie, Jose and Wanda** they are talking about different ways of solving the problem. There is also a penguin, but he always gets it wrong so we don't pay much attention to him.

Wanda does division in the traditional way and the other two use variations of my favorite method, **Partial Quotients**.

We will also learn how to deal with **remainders** and study the **measures of central tendencies** which are the **mean, median, and mode**.

This unit also includes telling time on different kinds of clocks, algebraic notation, and symmetry.

Science: Our current science unit is **The Human Body**. This is a huge subject area so we are studying only bones and muscles this time. Students will be required to know the four main functions of our skeletal system, how the skeletal and muscular systems interact to allow us to move and perform tasks, and the names of some of the major bones in our skeleton.

Dates to Remember:

March:

12th No School – Report Card Marking
18th Recorder Concert
29th Spring Break begins

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