**Important information and dates**

**April 9- Welcome back!**

**April 11- First Grade Field Trip & PTO Bella Mia Night**

**April 13- Report Cards go home**

**April 16- PARCC Testing begins**

**April 19- 12:15 Dismissal Parent-Teacher Conferences**

**April 21- PTO Spaghetti Dinner**

**Phonics:**

In the month of April we will continue with Unit 12 of the fundations program, which deal with syllables. We will also begin Unit 13 that includes adding suffixes to two syllable words. The students will add –s, -ed, and –ing to a variety of multisyllabic words.

**Writing & Grammar:**

This month students will begin a poetry unit. They will learn the components of different types of poems including limericks and cinquains. Students will also learn how to put words in ABC order.

**Comprehension Skills:**

In addition to studying the elements of poetry, students will continue to practice summarizing a story using story elements and key details. They will also focus on writing their summaries in a logical sequence.

**Math:**

In math students will begin a unit on measurement. Students will use a variety of tools such as cubes and paperclips to tell how long or short an object is.

 **Science:**

In science, we will continue to study patterns in the sky. Students will be responsible for using the knowledge they have learned about the sun, moon, earth and stars to create their own 3D model of our solar system.

**Social Studies:**

In social studies, we will learn all about maps and how they help us find different locations. We will also learn how to read a map key and a compass rose.

**Character Education:**

April’s Shooting Star is Cooperation! Students will be working on ways to cooperate with others and use teamwork to solve problems. They will participate in a timed Hula Hoop Challenge and work as a team to move the hoop around a circle!

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