



December News

Jackson Road Elementary School
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Subjects

- ⇒ **Math 4/5:** Students in math 4/5 are beginning Module 5 "Fraction Equivalence, Ordering, and Operations". We will spend 39 days decomposing, adding, subtracting, and comparing fractions. In December, we will look for patterns and use our multiplication and division facts to recognize equivalency. Students will also use number lines and area models to represent their understanding.
- ⇒ **Math 4:** Armed with an understanding of remainders, students explore factors, multiples, and prime and composite numbers within 100. Students gain valuable insights into patterns of divisibility as they test for primes and find factors and multiples, at times using their new skill of dividing double-digit dividends.
- ⇒ **Science:** We will be

studying the amazing human brain. They investigate how the senses work together to send signals to the brain and how the brain then processes this information.

- ⇒ **Reading:** In reading, students are starting a new unit in poetry. They will be reading poems by a diverse group of poets and writing their own poetry as well.

- ⇒ **Reading ELC:** Students will be studying the theme, Communication, in Unit 2. This month students will read a variety of Junior Great Book stories and poems. They will continue to develop their critical and creative thinking skills with texts from Jacobs Ladder. Students are also engaging in Literature Circle discussions based on a fiction book of their choosing. Please ask your 4th grader if they have any unfinished work to complete every night.

- ⇒ **Social Studies:** In social studies, students will learn about cultural exchange between Native American Indians and European Settlers. They will evaluate the impact of colonization and cultural exchange on the lives of American Indian people, included in Maryland.



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Important Dates:

- ☉ **December 20:**
Winter Parties
- ☉ **December 23 - January 1:**
Winter Break
- ☉ **January 2:**
Students return to school

Extra Practice Reminders:

- ⇒ Please continue to reading with your child for 20 minutes a night. Reading feeds the brain!
- ⇒ Students should complete weekly Eureka Homework packets sent home every Monday.



Important Information



Cold Weather Advisory

- ⇒ Please set up a ParentVUE account if you have not already done so. Information to set up your ParentVUE account can be found on the MCPS webpage.
- ⇒ Remember to dress warmly for school! Students walk outside daily to get to specials. They will go outside for recess if the temperature is above 32 degrees.



WINTER BREAK:

Will begin on Monday, December 23rd.

Students return to school on

Thursday, January 2nd.

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