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## Bradley International School Newsletter Spring 2017

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom Teachers: Mrs. Leier, Ms. Rizzo and Mrs. Sanchez



### Classroom Curriculum

- **Literacy:** Strategies and skills to increase reading comprehension (specifically informational comprehension) will continue to be the focus for the remainder of the year. This includes summarizing stories and responding to literature through writing. Students have been following the i-Ready Common Core State Standards Curriculum for reading which helps strengthen these skills. This also helps to build mastery for upcoming assessments and Star Testing. We are so proud to continue the Accelerated Reading Program at Bradley this year.
- **Writing:** Students have been following the i-Ready Curriculum for writing which includes descriptive narratives, opinions and informational pieces. Students are required to write a five paragraph essay which consists of an introduction paragraph, three body paragraphs and a conclusion paragraph.
- **Math:** We are continuing our units on fraction and decimals. We continue to use the i-Ready math curriculum in trimester three. After fractions, we will focus on volume, weight, capacity of an object and geometry. We will also continue our emphasis on multiplication, division, multi-step math problems and explaining our thinking.
- **PYP/Social Studies/Science:** We just completed a unit on *How We Organize Ourselves (Economy)* and created regional monopoly games to better understand a region's economy. In our current unit of inquiry, *How We Express Ourselves (Colorado)*, we will explore Colorado's geography, government, history and how it relates to the world. The remaining two units will be *How the World Works (Energy)* and *Where We Are In Place and Time (Space)*.

### How to Support At Home

- PARCC may be a mentally exhausting time for your child. Please ensure that your child gets plenty of rest, nutritious meals (especially breakfast) and lots of positive reinforcement so that they will feel confident in their abilities during the assessments. Please encourage your student to take this test seriously and try their hardest every day. **Attendance, as well as prompt arrival during this time, is extremely important.** Please do not schedule any appointments—doctors, dentists, etc.—during this time period.



### Other Announcements

- A special thanks to all the parents who provided support with the science fair and cardboard challenge projects. So many of the students, parents, and teachers commented that the 4<sup>th</sup> graders had done an excellent job! Thanks also to Mrs. Cypress who organized it all again this year!!



### Dates to Remember for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Student Led Conferences – March 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00pm
- Spring Break/NO SCHOOL – March 27<sup>th</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>
- NO SCHOOL/TEACHER ASSESSMENT DAY – April 3<sup>rd</sup>
- PARCC tests - April 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Casino Night and Auction – April 15<sup>th</sup>
- All School Picnic – May 30<sup>th</sup>
- Field Day – May 31<sup>st</sup>
- Last day of school - June 2<sup>nd</sup>/half day (8:50am – 12:45pm)