



## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Bradley International School Newsletter Spring 2018

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### 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:** Students are continuing the units on fraction and decimals. They will continue to use the i-Ready math curriculum in trimester three. After fractions, the focus will be on volume, weight, capacity of an object and geometry. They will continue their emphasis on multiplication, division, multi-step math problems and explaining their thinking.
- **PYP/Social Studies/Science:** The students just completed the unit, *How We Organize Ourselves (Economy)* and created regional monopoly games to better understand a region's economy. In the current unit of inquiry, *How We Express Ourselves (Colorado)*, they 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 projects. So many of the students, parents, and teachers commented that the 4<sup>th</sup> graders had done an excellent job!



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

- March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Student Led Conferences from 4:00-7:00pm
- March 26<sup>th</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Spring Break, NO SCHOOL
- April 6<sup>th</sup> - Early Release
- April 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> - PARCC testing
- April 28<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Casino Night & Auction at Maggiano's Downtown
- May 4<sup>th</sup> - Early Release
- May 30<sup>th</sup> - All School Picnic
- May 30<sup>th</sup> - Field Day
- May 31<sup>st</sup> - Last day of school