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4th/5th

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Class News

**DATE:**

**Important Dates:**

**1/16     No School-Martin Luther King's Birthday**

**1/18     PopMania Practice 3:40 to 5:15**

**1/19     PTO Meeting at 9:30AM**

**1/26-27 No School – Teacher Inservice**

**NOTE:  There will be no RED until January 31st.**

**Teacher News:**

We will begin another Project Based Learning assignment this week to go along with our novel *My Daniel*. *My Daniel* is a story about a brother and sister living in Nebraska during “fossil fever”. This was a time when people would do anything for dinosaur bones. Students will be investigating the following driving questions: What can you learn from studying an animal’s bones, skeleton, and teeth?

**I want to thank you for all the generous donations for our holiday party. I also want to thank my parent volunteers. We had an absolutely wonderful time!**

**January, 2017**

**4th Grade Math:**

Students completed their unit on factors, multiples and leftovers with a focus on division story problems that involved remainders. Students learned that remainders can affect the answer to the problem in a variety of ways. They applied this knowledge by creating their own division word problems. Students began their unit on fractions with a focus on concepts of equivalence, estimating, comparing and ordering fractions.

**ELA:**

Students did an amazing job presenting their Phantom Tollbooth projects to the class. Through this novel, they learned a lot of advanced vocabulary and figurative language and did an amazing job sharing their information with the class. I am so proud of them!

We have been focusing on the different literary terms that are included in a story slide model. Students have been using this model to create exciting narratives.

We began a new novel called *My Daniel* by Pam Conrad. Students are creating a Key Note presentation as they read the novel that they will be presenting to the class. Students will also have vocabulary and spelling tests each week focusing on words from the novel. We will also meet once a week in a Socratic seminar to discuss the novel as a class.

**5th Grade Math:**

Students extended their understanding of decimals with activities involving multiplication and division of decimals. They used applications such as length and area models of these operations as well as the more familiar uses of decimal notation with money. Students are now focusing on equivalent fractions and percents, comparing and ordering fractions, adding and subtracting fractions and multiplying and dividing fractions.