



## Announcements/Reminders

**Math Workshop:** Come see Pacific 4th and 5th graders work through challenging math problems and gain confidence in their understanding. Holly Compton, our MBUSD Math TOSA, will share specific strategies parents can use to help their child truly understand complicated math concepts. That confidence and experience is going to be critical for Middle School! The workshop will be held on Wednesday, January 29th from 8:35-9:35 in room 46. Please see our class website for the SUG.

**MBEF:** Thank you to all that have donated to MBEF. Our class currently has 76% participation. With recent talks about our district's budget cuts, it's a reminder about the need for additional support.

**Pantherthon:** Our Pantherthon PTA fundraiser kicked off this week. We have a friendly competition going between the 4th grade classes. An email was sent out earlier this week with details on how to sign up and record pledges online. You can not only sponsor a student, you can also sponsor teachers! Be sure to do this soon! Our Pantherthon is next week Friday. Links are also on our class website. 

## Curriculum Focus

### Reading

We began reading our core literature book, "The One and Only Ivan," improving our reading comprehension and response to literature skills.

### Writing

Students will work towards revising and editing their opinion essays.

### Mathematics

Module 4 will cover angle measure and plane figures. Students will be drawing points, lines, line segments, and rays, as well as identifying these in various contexts and within familiar figures. In addition, students will explore the definition of degree measure, beginning with a circular protractor.

### Science

In the scope Natural Processes, students will learn that Humans cannot stop natural hazards from occurring, but steps can be taken to reduce the impact of natural hazards.

### Social Studies

We began our unit on Explorers. Soon students will be given an Explorer to conduct some in-depth research.

## Mark Your Calendar

**January 27th-31st:** Parent-Teacher Conferences, minimum days (12:40 dismissal - no lunch service)

**January 31st:** Pantherthon 11-12 for 4th Grade

**February 11th -** Walk Through California

**February 10th-14th:** Kindness Week, specific activities for each day will be announced soon by our student council

**February 17th-21st -** Ski Week, no school

## Spelling: Sort 20 Long A Patterns

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|--------------|--------------|
| 1. complain  | 11. bracelet |
| 2. painter   | 12. amaze    |
| 3. decay     | 13. pavement |
| 4. mistake   | 14. basement |
| 5. crayon    | 15. explain  |
| 6. parade    | 16. railroad |
| 7. chocolate | 17. raisin   |
| 8. mayor     | 18. today    |
| 9. maybe     | 19. remain   |
| 10. escape   | 20. payment  |
|              | 21. obey     |

## Wordly Wise: Lesson 10

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|----------------|---------------|
| 1. ail         | 11. orphan    |
| 2. banish      | 12. precipice |
| 3. communicate | 13. regain    |
| 4. console     | 14. slay      |
| 5. cower       | 15. symptom   |
| 6. deliberate  |               |
| 7. depth       |               |
| 8. desire      |               |
| 9. livelihood  |               |
| 10. misfortune |               |

## January Birthdays

We have no January Birthdays ...so I'll share, it'll be Nicky's 1st birthday on January 30th. *Sigh*

## Upcoming Tests/Assignments

January 24th - Spelling Sort 19 Test

January 27th - Math Mid-Mod 4 Test

January 28th - Science Natural Processes quiz

January 31st - Wordly Wise, Lesson 10 test

Week of February 24 - Book Buzz presentations 