

January Newsletter

Kindergarten

In unit 4, the kindergarteners will answer the question *Why do people tell stories?* The students will focus on the following language development skills:

- identify and use nouns and adjectives
- use the conjunctions *and* and *but*
- use question words to ask questions
- identify opposites

First Grade

The first grade students will be focusing on the essential question *How do people create stories?* in unit 4. They will focus on the following language development skills:

- use appropriate pronouns
- identify rhyming words
- use adjectives and other descriptive words
- identify and use past tense verbs



Second Grade

The students in second grade will be starting unit 4 and answering the essential question *How can a story change depending upon who tells it?* They will learn the following language development skills:

- understand prepositional phrases
- use comparative adjectives and adverbs
- use time words and phrases
- analyze contractions
- use irregular past tense verbs



"Stone Soup"

Third Grade

In third grade, the students will be answering the unit 4 essential question *What makes people view the same experience in different ways?* They will focus on the following language development skills:

- form and use irregular verbs
- understand and use synonyms
- use pronouns to identify point of view
- identify adjectives and adverbs
- use comparative and superlative adjectives

Fourth Grade

In unit 4, fourth graders will answer the essential question: ***What do we learn when we look at the world through the eyes of others?***

Language development skills they will focus on include:

- using verbs and adjectives to describe
- using sensory details
- using progressive verb tenses
- analyzing opinion essays



Fifth Grade

Fifth graders will examine the essential question: ***How can others' perspectives help us evaluate the world?*** Language development skills they will focus on include:

- the language of comparison
- conjunctions to connect ideas
- irregular verbs
- opinion essays

