



*April*

# Ms. Monson's Classroom Newsletter

## Reading

Our focus during guided reading groups this month is plays. As we delve deeply into six different pieces, we recount the stories, determine their central message/lesson, describe characters, and identify points of view. When we perform these plays for the class, we use props and read with expression.

## Math

Unit 4 (Algebraic Thinking) begins with lessons on equal sharing and equal groups to introduce the concept of fractions and multiplication. We write equations for story problems and write story problems for equations. We also extend, describe and record repeating and growing patterns.

## Science

We are studying "Solids and Liquids." In this physical science unit we are examining two of the three states of matter. We are investigating properties of solids and liquids. We observe what happens when they are mixed and describe what we notice. We also created towers with solids, trying to make them as tall as we could. Establishing a wide base helped.

## Social Studies

"History" is our final social studies unit. In this unit we are studying tools we use to learn about history including timelines and calendars. Using these tools we look at changes over time. We are thinking about artifacts that help us learn about history, and the people that came before us.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Specialist Schedule

10:15-11:10

**Monday**

Media with Ms. McEathron

**Tuesday**

P.E. with Ms. Tollefson Jackson

**Wednesday**

Art with Ms. Hubert

**Thursday**

Music with Mr. Worrell

**Friday**

Art with Ms. Hubert

## Yoga

Ms. Engen, Waite Park's Instructional Specialist, is leading us in yoga for four sessions. We are learning some yoga poses, using balance and strength. We continue to practice our relaxed breathing, and focus our attention on the "focus fish!"