Reminders:

* It has been a wonderful first half of the year in fourth grade! We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday, 1/9 after a nice, refreshing break. ☺
* Students will create relief maps of Colorado when we return. Please see the flier going home today (also attached to this newsletter) which includes a recipe for the salt dough we will use. Each student will bring his or her own portion of dough. Thank you!
* Keep scrolling for important dates and information on academics.

The WEEKS AHEAD

* 12/23: Fourth Grade Holiday Parties
* 12/26 - 1/6: No School - Winter Break
* 1/16: No School - MLK Day
* 1/20: Bethke Spelling Bee
* 1/26 & 1/27: Bethke Talent Show

**Academics:**

Math:

We finished a short unit on multiplication as comparison, and are currently finishing another on factors and multiples. Thank you for all the support you are giving your child with math homework! We’ll begin a new unit on fraction equivalence and ordering after break.

Reading/Literacy/Writing:

Wax Museum was a great success! This was a huge project from research, to writing, to display and costume, and we are so proud of the students (and grateful to you for your support). Since finishing, we have been enjoying some poetry. Students are reading poetry and writing to show understanding. We’re learning about various “tools” of poetry, such as metaphor, simile, alliteration and imagery. We will begin new Colorado History themed novels after break.

Core:

It has been fun to learn about different native tribes living in Colorado. Students researched food/shelter/clothing/location and created a Google slide document for others to learn about the Ute, Arapahoe and Cheyenne tribes. They really learned a lot from each other!

Science:

First semester topics are: Magnetism and Electricity, Meteorology, Chemistry I and II, and The Scientific Method. Our new science topics begin after break!

Thank you for reading our fourth grade news! Happy Holidays!