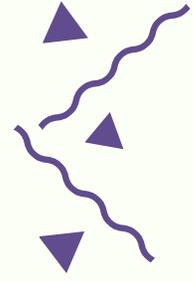


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## Upcoming Events in March:

March 4 -Late Start

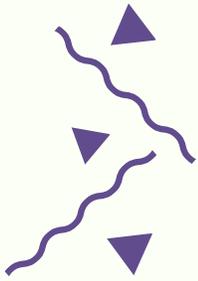
March 20-29 -Spring Break

## Curriculum Focus

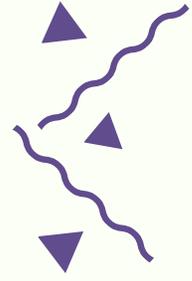
**Math:** Students will be focusing on Topics 10 which focus on multiplying fractions.

**Reading:** Students are reading fiction and non-fiction texts about natural disasters, specifically Earthquakes, and we will be focusing on comparing and contrasting these texts. One way you can support your student at home would be to focus on comparing and contrasting in their own independent reading at home. You can talk to your student about what books they have read that are similar and different than the ones they are reading now, explaining why giving specific details to justify their thoughts.

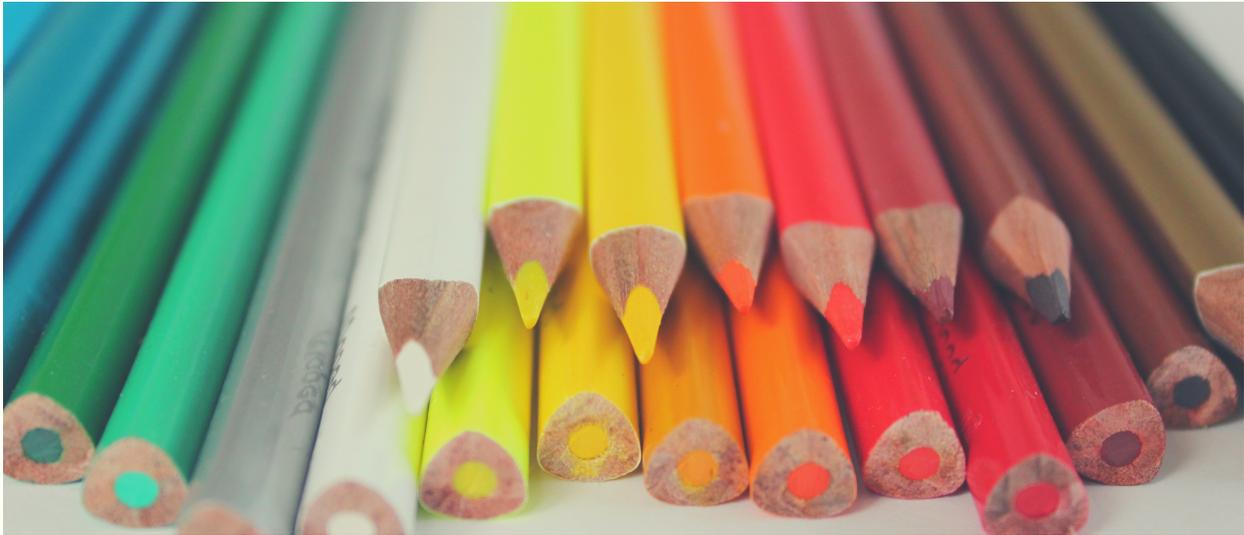
**Writing:** Students will begin working on their opinion piece this month with a focus on comparing and contrasting ideas, using evidence to justify their opinions. This year we have focused heavily on how to write a strong introduction and conclusion paragraph and we will be continuing to focus on and practice these skills this month as well. Students will be heavily focused on using evidence to support their opinions and developing their arguments into an organized 5 paragraph piece of writing. One way you can support your student at home would be to have them practice writing short opinions about every day things using evidence to support their opinions that focus on organizing information.



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## Fourth Grade Focus Board

Please check our website and specifically our fourth-grade calendar for specifics regarding important events, homework (specific to Ms. Starks), test dates, etc.

We are in the process of planning our end of year Rendezvous field trip (in May) to support our social studies and math standards. We will be sending out a form where parents can donate items that we will need for this field trip soon. Thank you in advance for your support.

CMAS (Colorado Measures of Academic Success) will be fast upon us beginning the first week of April. This year 4th graders will take 3 English Language Arts, 3 Mathematics and 3 Social Studies exams. It will be an intensive couple of weeks but please help your student prepare by continuing to read 25 mins or more, math homework, lots of rest and sleep, plenty of exercise, encourage a positive mindset. In class we will focus on which testing strategies to use, creating a positive mindset, using perseverance, relaxation techniques and taking our time strategies. Included in this email is a link to some CMAS released practice tests. Students will take some practice tests in school but it is important that you have a look at the practice tests too. Please click on the link below and find which subject you would like to view and then click on the grade level. From there you will enter a name to view the exam. Practice test:

link:<https://download.pearsonaccessnext.com/co/co-practicetest.html?links=1>

Thank you for your continued support this year.