



# Fourth Grade News

March 25-April 15

Bi-Monthly Publication

## Diving Into Learning



### Reading:

As you may have discovered through your child's enthusiasm, we are LOVING poetry. We have been studying the work of many great poets. Next week we will begin the planning stages for drafting our own collection! In reading groups, we have been brushing up on our comprehension strategies to better understand poems. **Please ask your child about how they visualize, make connections, and determine importance in text. Book logs continue to be a record of students' at home reading. (They are due every 2 weeks).**

### Writing:

We have been collaborating ideas to write color poems, riddles, and acrostic poetry with group members. **Ask your child to give examples of figurative language: simile, metaphor, alliteration, personification.** Please support your child to be prepared to write poetry by reading more poetry books and by visiting the local library!

### Math:

We are working on Chapter 12-13 objectives and are preparing for the Math FCAT. **Please look for the "Countdown to FCAT" (Math) for homework review.** FCAT Sample Test can be found at the Florida Dept. of Education.

### Science/Social Studies:

Students really enjoyed having their debates. In class, we are studying about life cycles of various animals. **Ask your child to reflect upon his or her debating experience.**

## Ocean of Events

Mar. 29 Rotary Club presentation.

Mar. 29-April 7 Parent Conferences

April 2 Turtle Trot

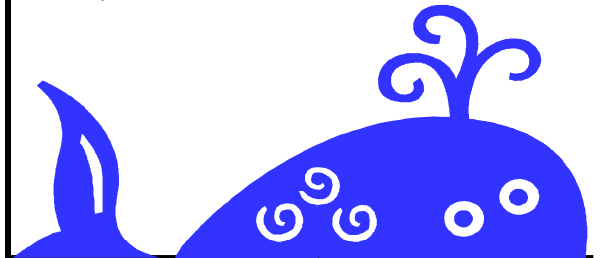
April TBD Reef Relief

April 11-14 FCAT Testing

April 15 READ-a THON

April 15 Book Orders Due

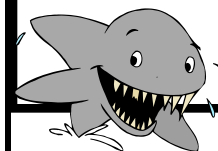
NO Morning MATH nor Math TUTORING until parent conferences are finished



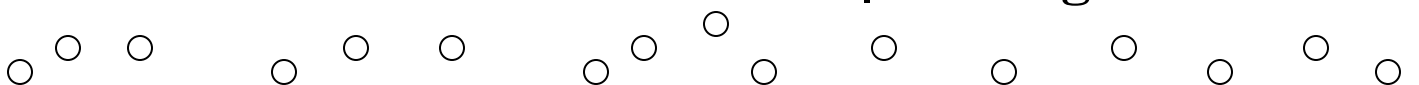
## It's A Whale of a Website!

[www.gigglepoetry.com](http://www.gigglepoetry.com)

[www.fcat.fldoe.org](http://www.fcat.fldoe.org)



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## Fishin' For Weekly Words



### Reading/Writing Vocabulary

#### (Poetry Unit)

alliteration  
personification  
simile  
metaphor  
free verse  
acrostic  
rhyme pattern  
stanza  
line

### Science/Social Studies

producer  
consumer  
food web  
food chain  
pollination  
germination  
reproduction  
life cycle  
metamorphosis

### Math Vocabulary

#### (Chapter 12-13)

transformations  
translation  
reflection  
rotation  
line of symmetry  
congruent  
dimension 3 dimensional  
face  
triangular prism  
pentagonal prism  
square pyramid  
rectangular pyramid  
base net

## **From the Teachers:**



Our 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking the FCAT the week of April 11-14.

4-11 Reading

4-13 Math

4-12 Reading

4-14 Math