

# April Newsletter

**Math:** This week, students will continue on with area and perimeter as we complete small "blast from the past" warmups, remember our multiplication and division facts fluency/multi-step word problems, focus on geometry terminology and calculate area and perimeter with precision and through real-world problems! We will work with perimeter of circles this week as well as area and perimeter through word problems within the classroom.

**Reading:** This week in reading, students will dive into a book entitled "The Journey of Oliver K. Woodman." We also will be reading another clever piece entitled Dear Mrs. LaRue" which has a keen focus on point of view (reality versus fantasy) in the head of a dog. Both books are written in the form of letters which also adds a unique perspective to the mix!

**Grammar/Creative Writing** Grammar this week will focus on reviewing dialogue as we apply it to our final week of our Irish Folktales. In addition, students will be creating Spring Chant Poems as well as looking very closely into figurative language (metaphors and similes) as well as hyperbole and alliteration. In addition, we will be reviewing possessive pronouns, pronouns and nouns this week as we review the purpose of possession and how to use it within our writing.

**Writing/ Handwriting:** We will be revising our Irish Folktale stories this week as well as reading our stories to our classmates. This week in writing will be dedicated solely to poetry. April begins National Poetry Month, and we generally dissect and write a whole variety of poems which will then be placed individual books for students to keep along the way. We will be looking at a whole variety of poems this week that relate to nature specifically and move onto a different theme next week. We will explore some of the greatest free-verse poetry writers including William Carlos Williams, Carl Sandburg and Valerie Worth.

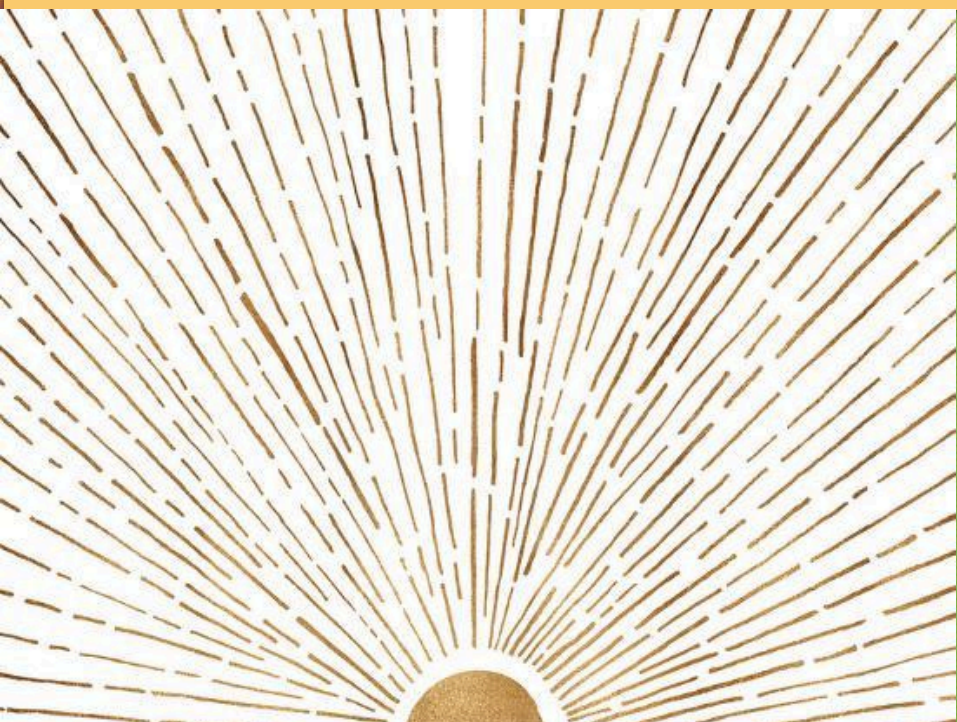
**Social Studies/Science:** Students will continue on with our new Science Unit focusing specifically on Earth Science! Students will be learning about the phases of the moon as well as the Sun and the other planets through a planetary mobile and moon phase creation. We will also be learning about the planets and their distance from one another.



Dear Families,

I hope everyone had a lovely week full of outside activities, festivities, adventures, family and friends. Sometimes a week is just what we need to reboot and notice the wonderment around us! I'm looking forward to a last quarter full of warmth, fun, imagination and great joy! The world is beginning to turn right-side up again!

Warmly,  
Mrs. Amoscato



## Upcoming Tests

**Math: Exit Tickets**

**Reading: Comprehension and Vocabulary test Friday**

**Spelling: Test Friday**

**Grammar : QUIZ THURSDAY**