#### FOURTH GRADE NEWSLETTER

#### **JANUARY 29TH 2024**

# Weekly Gazette

### ~Room 17 Chooses Kind~



# **Weekly Greeting**

Welcome back to another exciting week in room 17! The students had an amazing time at Sonoma Mission and General Vallejo's home last week. Our docent was impressed with their knowledge of the mission system! General Vallejo's home served as a launching off point for our upcoming studies of California when it was a part of Mexico. Thanks again to our amazing chaperones. Pictures are being uploaded this week for you to view! Additionally, this week, students will be hard at work on their Clem Miller animal research project. Read more below!



Friday, February 9th: Business Day



Friday, February 16th: Petaluma Adobe Field Trip



Thursday, March 7th: Biography Book Report Due



## Clem Miller Animal Research Project

Last Friday, I announced Clem Miller Science Project animal research partners. Students then paired up and listed three of their top animal choices to research over the course of the next five weeks. All animals they chose from live in Point Reyes (where our amazing field trip takes place).

This week and in the weeks to come, students will research their animal. Once their research is concluded, they will create a trifold science board displaying all the information they have learned. All materials will be provided for students in class.

The last step for students will be to practice their Clem Miller animal research presentation (to be given during our outdoor education overnight experience). Each presentation must be between 2-3 minutes long, and there are a list of requirements students must meet in order to make their presentation engaging. I'm so excited for this in-class project to launch and I know the students are going to do an amazing job!



## Petaluma Adobe

Students will be learning about General Vallejo's rancho this month and will get to visit his rancho home on Friday, February 16th. All permission slips and payment has already been collected. Drivers will receive a reminder email this week.

# Valentine's Day List Error

Whoops! I sent home a Valentine's Day Class list on Friday with all 26 of our students' names listed. Both Gunnar and Violetta's names were incorrectly spelled! Argh! I sent home an updated list today!

# WHAT ARE WE WORKING ON THIS WEEK IN CLASS?

- 1. ELA: This week, students will begin Unit 4, which focuses on animals and adaptations
- 2. Math: This week, students will have a test on mixed numbers and converting improper fractions
- 3. **Science:** This week, students will start their month long animal research project based on an animal that lives in Point Reyes (where Clem Miller is located). They will have research guidelines, to follow, work with a partner, presentation requirements and more. Student will share their poster boards that they create at school out at the education center!
- 4. **Social Studies:** This week, we will finish up their studies on Spanish exploration in CA and its impact.
- 5. Homework: Continue reading biography book, Spelling/ELA packet, & Math Worksheet