



January

ELA NEWSLETTER FOURTH GRADE



Skills Focus:

Reading

- Historical Fiction, Narrative Nonfiction, and Biography: Students will examine how setting affects the plot. They will look at biographies and their characteristics.

Social Studies

- New Jersey history through *Nicky Fifth Series*, specifically all about government and NJ Landmarks.

Writing

- Write an **opinion piece** on a topic or text: Opinion pieces clearly state thesis and supply the reasoning for thinking. Students need to use textual evidence, reasoning, and facts to support their viewpoint. Students also build their argument by linking their ideas together through a variety of sentence structures and more complex sentences.

Literacy Block

Students are working on independent reading stamina and responding to reading through writing. Teachers are meeting with students in guided reading groups to work on individual skills.

At Home Connection

