

Welcome to 4th grade Explorations! We have started the year with United States and Tribal Government. We will be spending the next 6 weeks learning about the governments of the United States and Tribal communities. Here are the vocabulary we will be reviewing as well. They are posted on my website. Take some time to talk about them, throughout the next month.

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Sovereign Nation- an independent country with its own government and leaders

Tribal government- the government of a Native American sovereign nation

Congress- the legislative branch of the Federal government, including the Senate and House of Representatives

Senator- Elected officials who write laws in the senate

Representatives- elected officials who write laws in the House of Representatives

Supreme Court- a group of justices who judge the fairness of the laws of the country

Justice- a judge in the supreme court

Cabinet- officials appointed by the president who advise him on leading the country

Elder- A person who is wise in the ways of their people and who uses that wisdom for the benefit of the people.

Judicial Branch- the branch of the government that judges the fairness of laws.

Executive Branch- the branch of the government with leaders such as the president or governor.

Legislative Branch- the branch of government that writes laws.

Veto- the president's right to say no to a law proposed by congress.

Checks & Balances- ways to be sure that no branch is more powerful than any other

Reservation- land reserved for Native Americans.