

TEAM 4 NOVEMBER NEWS

Reading:

The fourth grade students have recently finished Theme 1 testing. We have started Theme 2 – **American Stories**. Some suggestions for independent reading books that would fit in with this theme include: When I First Came to This Land by Harriet Ziefert, Barn by Debby Atwell, Uncle Sam and Old Glory by Delno West, I'm New Here by Bud Howlett, I Was Dreaming to Come to America by Veronica Lawlor, and Growing Up in Coal Country by Susan Campbell Bartoletti.

Writing:

The 4th graders have been working very hard on personal narratives. We will be working on this mode of writing until January, when they will take the state writing exam. While learning about personal narratives, the students will also be working on descriptive writing.

Unit Studies:

We have recently finished our unit on Nebraska history and enjoyed our time at the Homestead National Monument located in Beatrice, Nebraska. This field trip was a great learning experience and a lot of fun. The fourth grade teachers would like to thank all of the parents who were able to join us in Beatrice. The students took the Nebraska CRT (Criterion Reference Test) two weeks before fall break. Overall, they did a very nice job!

We also finished our Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco unit. The 4th grade students pledged, along with all other Fredstrom students, to Say No to Drugs, during our Red Ribbon Week presentation before school on Wednesday, October 17th.

We have now started our unit on the SW Region of the United States. If you have any pictures or artifacts from the states located in the SW region, please show them to your child and encourage them to bring them to school and/or share the information with their classmates.

Math:

Please continue to work on basic facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division) at home. These facts are vital to their understanding of many of the upcoming math objectives that we will be learning.

Finished Events:

The Lincoln Quilters Guild presented Discover Nebraska on Monday, October 8th. They did an excellent job reviewing Nebraska History and tying in the history of quilting. They also shared a Discover Nebraska quilt, which has different quilting squares that stand for different symbols or parts of Nebraska history. For more information on the Lincoln Quilters Guild, you can look them up on the Internet at www.lincolnquiltersguild.org.

The 4th grades students did an excellent job learning about and practicing CPR and the Heimlich Maneuver. They learned and practiced these skills during Basic Aid Training, in their own classrooms, on Thursday, October 11th.

The Lincoln Rotary Club presented each 4th grade student with a dictionary during a presentation on Wednesday, October 17th. These dictionaries will be a helpful tool during Writer's Workshop, and the students will be able to take their own dictionary home at the end of the school year.

We would like to thank all parents and/or guardians who were able to join us at conferences! Conferences are such an important time for you to ask any questions or voice any concerns, and for us to share the strengths of your child and areas of needed improvement. Thank you again.

Upcoming Events:

The fourth graders will be visiting the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery. The students will be learning about Sheldon's history, existence, and functions. They will also learn about different elements and properties of art structure and the different uses of the elements.

There will be an upcoming Science CRT over the Prairie Unit. Your child will receive a study guide before the CRT, and there will also be a link to this study guide available on the Fredstrom Website. The dates for this CRT are as follows: Rung Nov. 9th, Buethe Nov. 12th, Bredwell Nov. 13th, Nifelhelm Nov. 14th.