

Team 4 April Newsletter

Reading

Fourth graders are beginning a new theme called “Nature: Friend or Foe” in reading class. We will be reading non-fiction selections that deal with different natural environments. Within this theme, the students will begin to research a state, and will be applying the process of research to produce a report.

Writing

Fourth graders have had the opportunity to work with two different modes of writing, persuasive essay and personal essay. Both types of essays use a five paragraph format. Students have learned about writing paragraphs with topic sentences and supporting details. The teachers have enjoyed reading these essays and discovering what issues matter to our students! Our next mode of writing is the research report. Ask your child what they are writing about!

Math

Probability, fractions and decimals...oh my! These topics have been the recent focus in math. All have very practical applications to our world. Here is an example of a way to assist your child with understanding the concept of fractions:

Play language games that help your child focus on how the denominators affect the way they work with fractions. Every so often during the day, ask questions such as these.

Can you add apples and oranges? (no)

If not, what can you call them so that you can? (fruit)

Can you add fourths and eighths? (no)

If not, what can you do to them so that you can? (change to eighths)

Source: <http://www.eduplace.com/math>

Unit Studies

The study of Nebraska’s history has been the recent focus in unit studies. We have learned about how Nebraska changed from a territory to a state. The early settlers’ lifestyles were very different from present day Nebraska! Most settlers lived in homes made from sod, and had to survive many hardships. Early industries in Nebraska were the railroad and fur trading.

Important Dates

April 13th- No School - Elementary Plan Day

April 21st - P.T.A. Meeting, 7 p.m.

May 1st- May Day Dance on the Green

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