

Team 4 October News

Responsibilities

We have had a busy first six weeks of school. It has been full of learning about one another, establishing procedures and routines, and becoming accustomed to being in fourth grade.

With a new grade come new responsibilities like the student planner. It has been exciting being able to fill it out with daily to-dos and homework assignments, along with friends' birthdays and personal schedules. We encourage parents and guardians to inquire about the planner, as students should be asking for a signature each weekend. This is a quick and easy way to see all the learning taking place and if any assignments are late or missing.

In addition to the Student Planner, we are becoming used to turning in weekly reading and math minutes. Students are expected to read 75 minutes each week along with 50 minutes of math fact practice. These weekly assignments are in conjunction with Wednesday reading homework and other math practice. We recommend students have a set time and place to do their homework free from distractions. This will help to establish healthy study habits and create a home routine.

All students now have a homework folder and should be bringing it home each night to transport homework and take home completed work. If you have questions about the use of the Student Planner or homework folder, please let us know and we will be happy to answer any questions.

Journeys

We recently have read about several journeys from around the world in reading class. Students have been enjoying learning about the finding of the Titanic by Robert Ballard and his scientific research team. Ask your child about the great find and wreckage we were able to see on video because of Ballard and his team.

We have also learned about the trials of the Iditarod in Alaska and the team of dogs necessary to compete in such a rigorous race. From Anchorage to Nome, it is a long venture for a musher and their team of dogs. It takes anywhere from 10 to 17 days for teams to cover 1,150 miles of snow-covered and sometimes rugged terrain. Ask your child about the story of Akiak and her heroic efforts to lead her team to victory.

The Facts about Math

After studying four chapters in math, students are learning about the properties and rules of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. The commutative property and associative properties can be difficult; have your child teach you the differences. This is one way for him or her to cement the learning into their long-term memory.

Another way to support mathematical understanding is to have children manage a small amount of money. Purchasing products and knowing the correct amount of change he or she should expect back will demonstrate real-life application of what we study in class.

Important Dates

October 8th Homestead National Monument
Field Trip
October 10th Basic Aid Training
October 16th Conferences 3:30-8:00
October 20th Conferences 3:30-5:30
October 27-31st No School/Fall Break

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