Hello Parents,

I hope all of you have had a good start to the 2016-2017 school year. It has been really fun getting to know your students. I will send out biweekly newsletters through our classroom website. Please check those for any upcoming dates or important announcements. I will also post a monthly calendar. In my newsletters I will give you an idea of what we will be doing in each subject within the next two weeks so you can know what is coming up. Remember, sometimes I need to switch my schedule around and so I might not always stick to the newsletter I send out.

What We Are Learning?

Math – We are about to start factors and multiples which will lead us into multiplication. Multiplication is a huge part of 4th grade. Practice those basic facts (0-12) at home as much as possible. We will be doing lots of word problems with multiplication so having a strong fact foundation is essential.

Reading/ELA – We are working on inferencing in reading. This means we are “reading between the lines” and using what the text says + our background knowledge to figure out what may have happened in a story but isn’t explicitly stated. In ELA we are working on capitalization as well as Greek and Latin rood words! (We will do root words all year long)

Science – We are about to finish up our animal unit. We have studied behavioral and physical adaptations in frogs, crabs, and millipedes which we have kept in our classroom.

Social Studies – We will start SS next week, once we have finished Science. We will start with NC geography. There will be an at-home project with this unit! Get ready! ☺ I will send home information sometime next week.

Important Announcements!

Make sure you are connected to your student’s journal on Seesaw. This is how you will see his or her graded work. I will either have a grade written on the paper, or more likely written in the comment below. Sometimes pages will be front and back so look for that note in the comment I leave as well.

Also login with the info I sent home to learnzillion.com! If you need directions on how to do this please e-mail or remind message me. I am happy to help! This is a really helpful resource for you and your student in reading & math.

Please, please, please help us in our upcoming fundraisers that we have for Sound to Sea. We didn’t have much participation from Track 1 which means our trip could be more expensive than the other tracks! ☹ We want to go for as little cost as possible! We still have several upcoming fundraisers you can help out with!