

September 6th, 2016

Hello Parents,

I hope everyone had a great long weekend. I know I did! We are so close to our first track out! This week we will do a lot of activities and lessons that have to do with ending the quarter. We will do our reading and math post-tests. We will have a chance to talk about and show off our social studies projects. We will have our multiplication party on Friday! It will be an early release day on Friday. Please remember that! Over track out I will not send your students home with a packet of work. However, if you or they so choose, they can always practice skills on the websites linked to this website. Achieve 3000 and Front Row are great websites to keep them working on basic skills they will need. It is also important that students have their multiplication facts memorized. In 4th grade, we build off of multiplication and we don't have time to sit and count fingers or do super long strategies. They should have 0-12 multiplication facts memorized. Please work on this over track out if it is a struggle for your child.

What Are We Learning?

Math – We are going to start DIVISION!! This is a tough concept for 4th graders, ESPECIALLY if they don't have their math facts memorized. Again, your student will probably be taught this a different way than you learned it. Look out for videos that I record of our lessons to help you or them during homework. I will teach the standard algorithm (that you probably are used to) in a little bit.

ELA – We have been working on context clues recently. This helps students find the meaning of words they haven't heard before by looking for clues in the text. We are also working on story elements like plot, setting, characters, etc. We will do more with informational text in quarter 2.

Science – We will begin our Landforms unit next in Science. This will correlate well with what we just did with our Social Studies project as well as with what we learn at Sound to Sea!

Writing – During 2nd Quarter we will do informational writing. This is not necessarily research, but instead of making up stories, students will be working on non-fiction writing. We will, again, do 3 writing pieces within the quarter.

Important Announcements!

Report cards will be coming home with your student on Friday. These need to be signed and brought back the day we track back in. Please KEEP the report card but RETURN the envelope that needs to be signed. Thanks!

Please make sure you are connected to your student's learning journal on Seesaw.com so you can see what they turn in and what grades they are receiving!

We are starting to run low on cap erasers! If you are able and willing to send some in, it would be greatly appreciated!

Last but not least, please return all attractions coupon books OR send in the money for the books you sold. We can earn a party if we get each book back or the money for the books. Thank you!