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4th Grade

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A Letter from the Desk of...

The Fourth-Grade Team

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Dear 4th Grade Parents and Students,

We can hardly believe September is over! We have accomplished so much: from ecosystems to map reading skills to completing our unit on fables! We are looking forward to another magnificent and exciting month in 4th grade! As we have finished September, we will no longer be signing students' assignment books each morning to ensure they have their homework written down. Students will continue to be reminded to write their homework each day and we will do spot checks. Please help us help your student by checking their binders and assignments books regularly so we are able to assist them in maintaining the neatness and organization we established.

In the coming month, we will focus on fantasies in Reading. We will examine the elements of fantasy and determine what distinguishes fantasy from other genres. We will synthesize what we learned in our fables and fantasies units to write our own explanatory tales in Language Arts. Additionally, we will continue to write to express.

Students have been honing their map skills in Social Studies as we have learned the purpose of and how to use an atlas, as well as the elements of a map. We have examined the world's continents and oceans and can now identify them on a map of the world. We are moving on to learning about Maryland and the early settlers, leading up to a great project next quarter on the Native Americans.

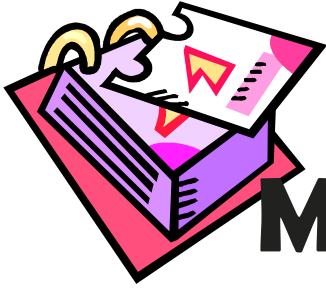
In Science, students worked hard to construct their ecosystems. These ecosystems have kicked off our study of ecology. Students are excited to see how organisms act interdependently in an ecosystem. Additionally, we continue to practice the scientific method by conducting at least one hands-on experiment per week.

In Technology, we will be exploring student publishing applications (Publisher, Word, PowerPoint, etc.). We will also continue our study of reliable websites, and compile research from those we have determined are trustworthy.

We are so enjoying getting to know our 4th graders this year, as well as all of you! We hope the coming months are as terrific as the past one has been!

Sincerely,

Mr. Anderson, Ms. Levenson & Ms. Rardin



Mark your Calendars!

Friday, October 1	Early Release Day, Students Dismissed @ 1:00 pm Student performance led by Artist in Residence, Yvette Lewis- Whitman Auditorium @ 7:00 pm
Friday, October 8	Help the Homeless Walkathon @ Recess
Monday, October 11	8:30 am- Donuts for Dads in the Media Center 9:30am - 12pm- Open House
Friday, October 15	State Teachers' Convention: No School
Wednesday, October 27	9:30 am- Principal's Coffee in the Media Center
Friday, October 29	First Marking Period Ends Cultural Arts Assembly 2:00 pm- Halloween Parade & Party

