

Weekly Communication Sheet

Lucy Barnsley 4th Grade Center Issue #1

September 5th-9th, 2011

Your kids are fantastic! We are having so much fun already. We're off to a great start and look forward to seeing you at back to school night on Thursday, September 15th!

Happenings:

- **Vocabulary/Spelling** -We are beginning our Spelling and Vocabulary studies this week. Please see the note on the back of this page for information regarding spelling.
- **Math** - We began teaching math last week. A letter came home identifying your students' math teacher; please check the agenda book daily for specific homework.
- **Reading**- We will be beginning a unit of fantasy novels and setting our reading and writing goals for the first quarter. We'll also be reading and analyzing interesting texts from our ecology readers. Your child may need support with this at home.
- **Writing** - We will be learning about the elements that make up good writing and gathering stories and ideas for personal narratives.
- **Science** -Our first unit is on ecology and how to classify organisms.
- **Social Studies** - Our first unit is about maps and how to use them. We'll be taking a closer look at the state of Maryland and some of the geographic and economic features of the state.

Long Term assignments:

- **Independent reading**- 25 books need to be read by the end of the year. A reading log will come home to help keep track throughout the year.

Comments/Reminders:

- **PTA Meeting** is Tuesday, September 6th, followed by an Instrumental Music information session with Mrs. Spahn
- **Scholastic Book Fair** will run the week of September 12th-16th.
- Back to School Night is Thursday, September 15th at 7:00pm. This event is for parents only. Childcare will be available from KAH.
- Please note there is NO SCHOOL on Monday, September 5th or Thursday, September 29th. September 28th is also an Early Release Day; please review your procedures with your student.
- Please send in 2 liter clear bottles!!! We will use these for our eco-columns. Please rinse them out, but do not wash with soap.

This weekly communication sheet will be sent home electronically each Friday as a preview for the following week.

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