



# November 4

## Fourth Grade Newsletter

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### Curriculum News

#### What Are We Learning This Quarter?

##### Math 4

###### Whole Number Computation

- Multiplication
- Division
- Expressions with Parentheses

##### Math 5

- Lines and Angles
- Measure and Draw Angles
- Circles—circumference and area
- Triangles

##### Reading

###### Realistic Fiction

- Identifying characteristics of the genre
- Describing setting
- Identifying Character Traits
- Comparing Themes
- Running Literature Circle discussions

##### Writing

###### Non-narrative - Informational

- Creating a two-column chart to record observations and thoughts.
- Selecting a topic to write about
- Using similes and metaphors

##### Science

###### Ecosystems

- Food chains/webs
- Interdependence
- Adaptations
- Unit 2 coming soon—pollution and its effects on our environment

##### Social Studies

###### Native Americans

- Collaborate with partners to research a Native American population
- Draw conclusions about the geographic characteristics of the environment that affected the culture of the tribe and the modifications to the environment.
- Collaborate to respond to a critical thinking problem based scenario.

#### Important Dates

- **Thurs, Nov. 10 and Fri, Nov. 11**—1/2 days for students—Parent Teacher Conferences
- **Wed, Nov. 23**—1/2 day for students
- **Thurs, Nov. 24 and Fri, Nov. 25** — No School—Thanksgiving Break



### Reminders

- **Communication Folders are busting at the seams. The “Leave at Home” side should be emptied daily. Some children are in need of new folders. Please check with your child.**
- **We are checking planners daily. Please be sure to initial them each night.**
- **As the weather is changing, please check to see that your child has a warm jacket for outdoor recess.**
- **Don't forget to check the lost and found.**

### Parent/Teacher Conferences

During the next few weeks we look forward to meeting with all of our parents to discuss the progress of our 4th graders. Our conferences are scheduled closely together to ensure that we can meet with everyone in a timely fashion. Please be mindful of your conference time. Being here on time and making sure you do not hold your child's teacher longer than the scheduled amount of time would be much appreciated. Thank you for your consideration and help in making conferences run smoothly.

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**Self-discipline is when your conscience tells you to do something and you don't**

### Field Trips

Fourth grade has three field trips scheduled this school year. One trip will be to a play as a follow-up to our study of the fantasy. On December 21st, we will see the play at Imagination Stage. Our second trip coincides with the study of Maryland history. This will be an extended day trip to St. Mary's City on April 24th. The last trip will be another extended day trip to the Chesapeake Bay. It will culminate the study of ecosystems. This field trip will take place on May 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be looking for 5 chaperones from each class for each of these trips.

