



4th Grade Flyer

February 2012

LITERACY

In February we will focus on reading for information. Our particular focus will be on answering selected response questions and Brief Constructed Response (BCR) questions. Students will also begin exploring autobiographies, biographies and memoirs. Later during this quarter we will study the literary genre of plays.



The students are continuing to learn about the "Six Traits of Writing" (*ideas, organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency, and conventions*). They will learn how to identify each trait and use the traits to improve and evaluate their own writing, specifically persuasive writing. The students will begin learning how to write a persuasive essay.

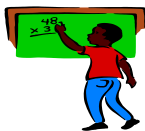
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MATH

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After our unit on decimals, students will use tables, grids, and tree diagrams to determine all of the outcomes for a simple event. These outcomes will then be applied to express probability as a fraction less than 1. The unit culminates with determining whether or not a game is fair.

The fifth grade math class is currently finishing our unit on number relationships and computation. Later this month we will begin our next unit: Statistics. You can help your child by reading graphs, charts, and tables from newspapers and magazines. Also, have your child find the mean, median, and mode of a set of numbers that you find together.

SOCIAL STUDIES

During this month we will study immigration, and how it relates to residents of Montgomery County and the United States. The concept of migration will also be taught to further examine reasons for coming to America. This unit will eventually culminate in the study of America's earliest settlements.



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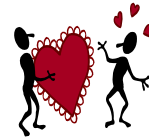
SCIENCE

We are currently continuing our study on Chemistry. Students are exploring, discovering, and defining the properties of matter.



They will also explore the three states of water: liquid, solid, and gas. These studies will lead students to an understanding of how matter changes states.

VALENTINE PARTIES



On Tuesday, February 14 we will have our Valentine Parties. The parties will begin at 2:00 and conclude at the end of the school day. Every child should bring a valentine for each child in the class if he/she decides to participate. Class lists will be sent home in advance.

CHECK THIS OUT



REMINDER: Students should be trying the exercises found on Study Island. When accessing the site, students should enter their eight-digit username (found in their homework notebooks) and then the password *eagles*.

www.studyisland.com

Have a wonderful February!



Sincerely,
The Fourth Grade Team