

4th Grade October Newsletter

October News

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Calendar Of Events

October 4 PTA 7:00 p.m.
October 10 - Open House
9:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.
October 21 - No School -
MSTA Teacher's
Convention
October 28 - Halloween
Celebrations and Pumpkin
Activities
2:00 p.m.

October 31 - No school for
students- Professional day
for teachers

Save the
Date!!

Halloween
Celebrations

October 28,
2011

2:00 p.m.

Please contact your
child's teacher if you
would like to
volunteer!!



What are we learning?

Reading

First quarter reading will continue to focus on reading for literary experience and evaluating characteristics of fables. We will read and identify characteristics of fables as well as read 4th grade core books through small group instruction. Students are expected and encouraged to read at least 40 minutes a day from any "Just Right" piece of literature that they so choose. Developing a love of learning is an important element in helping students become more effective readers. In addition, students will continue an ongoing dialogue with their teachers in which they write about various topics particular to whatever book they are currently reading. This is a fun way to incorporate writing and find out what students think about what they are reading.

Writing

In writing, this month, students will develop a personal narrative as they focus on the 6+1 traits of writing. Students will learn the different elements that comprise a personal narrative and work on each element in order

Snack Time!!

We have received numerous questions about snack during our normal school day. Considering the fact that we have our reading, writing, and math blocks consecutively from 9:30-1:10, it is appropriate for your child to have a snack mid-day. Soon we should be receiving snacks to give your child each day from the county and currently teachers as well as student donations have provided our classes with snack. We have a snack each day at 11:20, as reading ends and before math begins. If you would like to send your child to school with a snack you may do so. The teachers will allow a short amount of time each day for students to replenish themselves until they are able to have their lunch at 1:10pm.

to develop a personal narrative of their own.

Science

We will continue to work on our Ecosystems Unit. We are constructing terrariums and aquariums and observing how producers, consumers, and decomposers help one another.

Social Studies

We will begin looking at our State of Maryland both geographically and historically!

Math 4

We have been working in Unit One focusing on place value and geometric figures.

Math 5

We have been focusing on Unit One concepts which include Divisibility Rules, Least Common Multiple, Greatest Common Factor, Prime and Composite Numbers, and Prime Factorization. We focus on concepts weekly and have an assessment each Friday.

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4th Grade Teacher Mission Statement: We will inspire all fourth grade students to become life-long learners and to achieve their goals both academically and socially.