



4th Grade News

November News



As the first quarter ends, students need to make sure that they are completing assignments, bringing in homework (not counted toward an academic grade) and getting enough sleep.

We enjoyed seeing you all during parent-teacher conferences.

Math:

4th Grade

In math we have finished unit 1 (place value, data analysis and geometry) and are starting unit 2 on number computation (multiplication and division basic facts, fact families, equations with unknowns) and number patterns and relationships (equations and expressions). Please look out for the Family Math packets that explain terminology and concepts.

5th Grade

We have started our unit 2 and are working on line relationships

(parallel, perpendicular), and angles (identifying and measuring). We will then move on to circles (parts of a circle, measuring diameter, circumference, radius an area) and polygons (angles, area and perimeter). Finally, we will end with solids (3 dimensional figures) and will use measurement strategies to measure their attributes. We will also focus on nets, perspectives and sorting solids according to characteristics.

We are also consistently administering and reviewing BCR's (Brief Constructed Responses) related to math topics covered in class in preparation for the MSA test.

Language Arts

As we head into the 2nd quarter, we will be exploring Realistic Fiction and starting our research projects on American Indians. Students will be expected to write informative paragraphs that relate to social

studies topics. The students will also need to be able to take notes, organize them and write paragraphs based on research questions.

Social Studies

We are exploring cultural regions of the United States in order to start our American Indian projects. We will be looking at how the natural environments influenced the way the different cultures evolved.

Science

Our ecosystems unit is progressing nicely and we will soon be exploring animal and plant dependencies, and animal and plant adaptations. This will all relate to the Chesapeake Bay and its complex ecosystem. We will also be starting our environmental unit soon.

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Elementary School

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November Birthdays

- Caroline V. 11/3
- Michelle 11/5
- Elena 11/11
- Claire 11/13
- Lauren 11/14
- Isabela 11/25
- Olivia Sw. 11/27
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4th Grade Teachers

Ms. Schrank
(Team Leader)
Ms. Wright
Mme Kellinger
Mme. Priser

Tips!



- Students will need to practice their basic facts 1 through 12 (multiplication and division families). There are 4 equations in each fact family and each equation uses the same numbers.
- Please make sure that your child can identify the difference between equations and expressions. Also, students should be able to write an equation or expression for a word problem. This is a difficult skill to master.
- Students are getting better at writing paragraphs with all of the practice that they are getting. Make sure that when you review paragraphs with your child, you emphasize all parts of a paragraph (introduction, body, and conclusion—don't forget about the details!).
- For 5th grade math, being able to use a protractor correctly to measure angles is very important.
- Please read every night for at least 20 minutes!

Thank You!!!

Thank you to all the parents who helped put up the Chesapeake Bay projects. The display looks fantastic and the students are eager to finish their informative paragraphs to display next to their animals!

Calendar of Events

November 2011

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Early Dismissal Parent/Teacher	11 Early dismissal Conferences	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Early Dismissal	24 No School	25 No School	26
27	28	29	30			