



FOURTH GRADE NEWSLETTER

October 2016

“Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom.”

-George Washington Carver

Dear Parents,

We hope you are enjoying this beautiful fall weather we are having! Along with fall weather comes.... (sniff sniff)....runny noses and that lovely cold season around the corner. We ask that to keep everyone involved healthy, that you are informing us of any illness your child had and remember our school policy that if your child has any fever they need to be home for at least 24 hours. We will of course reinforce washing hands and eating healthy foods at school. We appreciate your help in keeping us all in tip top learning shape! **Please also join us for the BOOK FAIR Oct. 3rd-7th!** ☺

The Fourth Grade Team

READING

Focus:

- ❖ In Reading, the students will work on deepening their understanding of characters through higher order thinking and questioning. We will work on making an inference, main idea with supporting details, and themes of stories.

WRITING

Focus:

- ❖ In Writing, students will continue working on their narrative writing. We will develop a topic with interesting characters and events while creating powerful stories.

MATH

Focus:

- ❖ Students will work developing strategies for multiplication including using arrays, mental math, and multiplication patterns with tens.
- ❖ Practice strategies taught in class on how to multiply multiple digit numbers.
- ❖ All students should be practicing their single digit multiplication facts at home for fluency.

SCIENCE

Focus: Electricity and Magnetism

Students will understand that:

- A magnet pulls on all things made of iron.
- Magnets interact with each other - opposite poles attract, like poles repel.
- Electrically charged objects push or pull on other electrically charged objects and produce motion.
- Energy causes motion or creates change.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Focus: North Carolina History

Students will understand that:

- American Indian History
- Traditions, food, shelter
- NC symbols

Announcements:



Interested in Being a Volunteer?

If you are interested in **volunteering** or helping out this year, please make sure to **register** on the computer at a school. You can do this in our library on Mondays only! It is necessary to update each year. **Please register by October 28th.** We thank you in advance for all your help and support.

We are still in need of room parents in some classes! If interested, please contact your child's teacher!

Birthday Celebrations

- Sending in a snack to recognize a student's b-day is fine. Individually wrapped items such as Rice Krispy treats is best. Cupcakes will not be banned however they do add a large amount of sugar to student's diets which does not promote the best academically healthy bodies and brains
- Goodie Bags are NOT allowed- we cannot guarantee what is being sent home (especially in relation to allergies) and we must respect that there are some students who do not celebrate Birthdays and parents may not want their child to receive an item.

IMPORTANT DATES

10/6: Book Fair Family Night

10/14: Run for Wolves (Rescheduled Date)

10/18: Picture Day

10/21: Early Release at 1:15pm

10/28: End of Quarter 1

10/31: Teacher Work Day/No School