



# Fourth Grade Newsletter

## September 2016

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back to another fantastic school year! It was so great so many of you came out to back to school night. We know it is going to be a wonderful year and we are looking forward to all the learning that is going to occur here in the fourth grade at WWF. We hope that you find this newsletter helpful as it explains the monthly focus for each subject area. We want to keep you informed about the things going on in our classrooms! Please check your child's agenda nightly for assignments or notes. As always, please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

The Fourth Grade Team

### READING

Students will be:

- ❖ Launching Reader's Workshop
- ❖ Building stamina
- ❖ Collaborating with partners
- ❖ Using comprehension strategies

What can I do to help at home?

**Read aloud and discuss books!**

### WRITING

Students will:

- ❖ Gather ideas to write about and brainstorm
- ❖ Begin narrative writing

### MATH

Students will:

- ❖ Place value: expanded, word, and standard forms of numbers
- ❖ Comparing using inequalities: < or >
- ❖ Rounding
- ❖ Adding and subtracting multi digit numbers

### SOCIAL STUDIES Focus: North Carolina History

- ❖ American Indian Groups of North Carolina
- ❖ Students will discuss traditions, location, food, shelter, and other facts about various American Indian groups in NC.
- ❖ Students will explore how these groups changed with the arrival of colonists.

### 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.

### Open House

Please mark your calendar for Thursday, September 22 from 6-8. We will introduce ourselves and talk about curriculum that your child will learn over the course of the 4th grade year. We look forward to meeting you!

## Announcements

- ❖ Snacks - Your child may bring a healthy snack to school each day. Please send in fruits, veggies, granola bars, etc. They may also bring in water to drink. No juice or powder additives for water are allowed in the classroom.
- ❖ Thank You - The 4th grade team wants to say a big thank you to all those parents who sent in supplies! We truly appreciate your help and your support!
- ❖ Parent Volunteer - If you are interested in volunteering at any point throughout the year, please make sure you sign up online through WCPSS's volunteer page. We thank you in advance for all your help and support.

### Important Dates

9/8: McTeacher Night 4:30-7:30

9/9: Early Release

9/22: Open House 6-8 pm

9/30: Early Release

