

4Su News

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Ask your child:

- Who was our Mystery Reader and what did he/she share?
- What is the difference between a line plot and a bar graph?
- When you divided your classroom into regions, what were your categories?
- What makes a good compliment?

Calendar

10/29 – Fall Conferences Begin

10/31 – Halloween Parade 8:45 – 9:30

11/4 – Election Day Every vote counts!

11/11 – Veteran's Day No School

Reading and Multiplication Log

As you know, fourth grade is an important year as students move from learning to read to reading to learn. In addition, there is increased focus on solidifying mathematical skills, including fact accuracy and automaticity.

Reading

Students are asked to read at least 30 minutes every day, including holidays and weekends. Students are required log their reading Monday through Thursday in their log book as part of their homework. A variety of reading materials is encouraged: books (across different genres), magazines (Time for Kids, Cricket, et. al.), poetry, performing readers' theatre with family members, or sharing read aloud duties with an adult by reading alternate chapters out loud for each other.

Math

In addition to their reading, students have been asked log their daily math fact practice. Students can accomplish this practice in several ways. They are

encouraged to use their multiplication combination deck, play games featured on the classroom web site, or to ask for help from an adult. You can support your child by helping him/her to focus on a select group of facts during a particular week, perhaps a few of the eights that are hard to remember. To solve for an unknown fact, students should use a fact they already know. For example, if your child is focusing on 6×8 , perhaps s/he knows $6 \times 4 = 24$. If so, use $6 \times 4 = 24$ and double the answer to get 48. To solve for nine facts, students will often multiply by ten and then subtract one group. Example: $9 \times 6 = (10 \times 6) - (1 \times 6)$

The Reading and Multiplication Log is turned in on Fridays. Whether your child completes this work independently or with parental support, please take a few moments to congratulate him/her on their effort and accomplishments when you sign the log on Thursday evenings.

Many Thanks to our Mystery Readers!

Mrs. Jackowitz and Mr. Mason shared fabulous choices! Check the web site for an update.

Fall Conferences

Fall conferences are beginning next week. All conference dates and times are on the 4Su web site. Your child's initials are in the confirmed date/time block. If for any reason you need to reschedule, please do not hesitate to contact me. Each conference is scheduled to last for twenty minutes, allowing transition time between meetings.

Students are invited to the conference. They will participate in sharing their progress and challenges so far this year. If the adults need a few minutes to wrap up the discussion, students can be excused. In any event, please ensure that your child brings a book along.