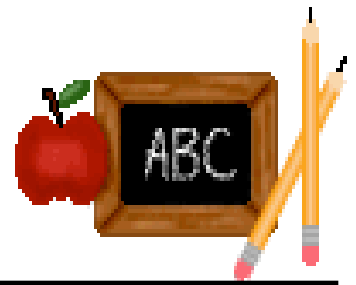
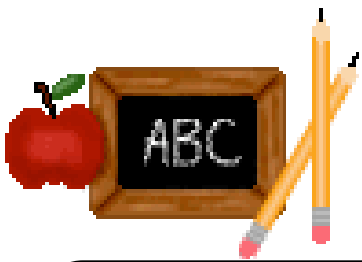


4th Grade News

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curriculum update

E.L.A.: I announced to the students that their weekly Friday spelling tests will include five review words from the previous week's list. This is meant to promote the long-term mastery of spelling/vocabulary words as I often observe students spelling words correctly on tests, but then not transferring those spelling skills into their writing.

MATH: The kiddos had their Math Test on Unit 1 on Wednesday. As we will do for all end-of-unit tests, the students took a pretest on Tuesday which we then corrected as a class before they were to take it home to study for homework. We reviewed their tests the following day (yesterday) as it was apparent that many of the children need to strengthen their test-taking strategies (reading all possible answers, rereading their word or expanded form answers to themselves, checking their work). Some students are still struggling with concepts from Unit 1, such as rounding, so we will continue to revisit such problems in our Problem-of-the-Day and other math activities.

SCIENCE: The 4th Graders are exploring Matter. We layered different liquids in an interactive lab, and the young scientists were instructed to observe the different properties. They tested items to see what would sink/not sink in the liquids and we are applying those observations as we read about and work to understand mass and density.

SOCIAL STUDIES: We are continuing our SS unit on Map and Globe skills. We will work more with scales, lines of Latitude and Longitude, and other types of maps next week.

GOODS AND ENDS

We have enjoyed two school assemblies these past two Fridays - last week was our Paw Pin assembly at which we reviewed the Oak Street Positive Behaviors, and then all Bailey-Oak students were exposed to and entertained by special musicians this morning.

Wednesday, October 8th (next Wednesday) is PICTURE DAY! Our picture time is 1:00 P.M.

Thank you for remembering to sign and return the many important Oak Street forms, TIME for Kids fees, and classroom web site permission slips. If you have not already done so, PLEASE return any remaining forms, surveys, etc. as these are important documents.

As the fall weather turns chilly, please remember to label your child's outdoor clothing, sweaters, and sweatshirts. HAPPY FALL!

VOLUNTEERS

Thanks so much to those of you who expressed interest in being a weekly volunteer in our classroom. I used the sign-up sheet and our schedule to create a Volunteer Calendar for October and November. I have attached calendars for those of you who signed-up, but please let me know if your volunteer dates and times do not work. I will later be contacting those parents/guardians who wish to help with special events as I begin planning our Pumpkin Math Day and Halloween Party. And there will be plenty more volunteer opportunities throughout the year!