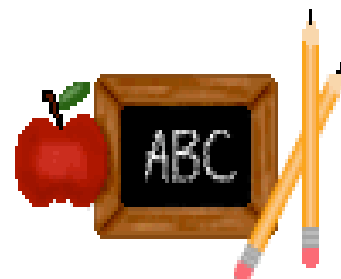
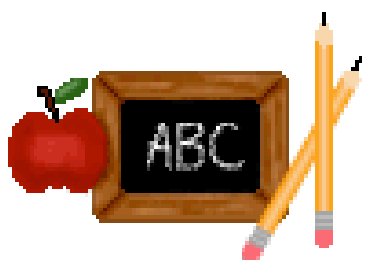


4th Grade News

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Curriculum Update

E.L.A.: As I discussed with many of you at our parent-teacher conferences, we are currently working to "better support our ideas/answers with details from text" in our thinking, speaking, and writing. One way that we practice this skill is the highlighting that we do in our Daily Reading Comprehension Sheets. You may have recently noticed that we are now writing "Weekend Webs" on Monday morning. This prewriting and paragraph writing practice allows students to share their interesting weekend events, and I am lots of fun reading about them!

This week we began a novel study of The Family Under the Bridge by Natalie Savage Carlson. The setting of the book is Paris, France so we are also learning a few French facts and phrases.

MATH: Multiplication, multiplication, multiplication! Because the students seem very familiar with the different Properties of Multiplication, we are going to more quickly work through our next few lessons in Unit 3 of Multiplication and Division. Therefore, it is imperative for the kiddos to learn their 0-9

multiplication facts. Please help your child master these (speed and accuracy) and home, and let me know if you need suggestions or ideas for how to practice.

HOMEWORK: I've been telling the 4th graders that I expect them reading at least 40 minutes per day - including weekends and holidays - and every day over our long break!

Don't forget the Room 22 Winter Party next Thursday (the 18th) at 1:00 P.M. Notes (on blue paper) were sent home yesterday regarding the gift exchange and other goodies.

In the News

Thank you so much to our Learn and Serve Coordinator Mrs. Karen McCarthy who spent long hours at Oak Street organizing and operating Grandma's Attic. And thank you to our several parent-volunteers who came in to work the register and wrap packages. I have never seen such a special, school-based, and positive holiday function, and I was incredibly touched as I watched your children so carefully and enthusiastically select their holiday gifts for family members.

ROOM 22 OUTDOOR CLOTHING DRIVE!

Lucy McSweeney observed and spoke with the class about her concerns for the children of Oak Street that they all have appropriate winter clothing (hats, coats, mittens, scarves, etc.) Therefore, we decided to have a classroom drive to collect any gently used (and cleaned please) or new items that we can distribute among different students in the building. I have enlisted the help of Karen McCarthy to provide us with possible ways to do this. We (the class) also thought we should keep a few extra pairs of gloves or mittens in our room for forgetful 4th graders who sometimes lose one of their gloves or mittens and are unable to immediately replace it. Our drive begins on Monday (the 15th), and we will collect through the month of January - giving our items as we receive them. So clean out those closets and join us in the spirit of giving!