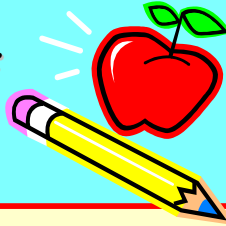




FOURTH GRADE NEWS



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Here is what we're learning . . .

Reading: Next week, we will continue learning about different informational text structures such as compare and contrast, problem and solution, description, chronological order, and cause and effect. We will be learning about how authors use these different text structures to help readers understand the information in their writing. **You can help at home by reading informational text sources like newspapers and magazines. After reading, have the student to paraphrase the information in their own words.**

Writing: Next week, we will continue to write in the opinion genre. We will discuss what an opinion is and share our opinions. Our opinions will be supported with factual reasons and text evidence. This writing piece will be taken through the writing process of prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing. **To help your child at home, have your child share their opinion about the different topics and have them share how they can support their opinion with factual reasons.**

Math: Next week, we will introduce the concept of multiplicative comparison, or using multiplication to compare one quantity to another. Take the following number story: Mike earned \$4. Sue earned 7 times as much as Mike. Here Sue's earnings are compared to Mike's as being 7 times as much. Based on this comparison, we can find how much Sue earned ($\$4 * 7 = \28). **To help at home, you can practice comparison sentences as you practice multiplication facts.**

Social Studies: Next week, we will continue our journey into the causes that led to the American Revolution. Students will be taking a ride with Paul Revere and understanding the events that led to the "Shot heard 'round the world" that was fired at Lexington and Concord. **A great site that your child can explore at home to learn more about the Revolutionary War is <http://www.pbs.org/ktca/liberty/>. Through this link, students can investigate more of the American Revolution and discover how the colonists from long ago shaped 13 colonies into the great nation we have today.**

S.T.E.A.M.: Next week, we will continue our unit on light. Students will investigate how light travels and what causes the colors that we see. We will also investigate what happens when light hits mirrors and how various materials allow light to pass through or not. **To help at home, some new vocabulary to use: opaque, translucent, and transparent.**

Curriculum Assessments

In order to prepare for upcoming assessments, students need to complete all class assignments and homework. They will also need to focus on vocabulary words. A weekly list is provided in the newsletter. We also encourage your child to read for 20 minutes or longer in order to practice their fluency and work on comprehension skills. It is very important that your child continues to review and practice multiplication facts to retain these skills. In the next few weeks, your child will be receiving information that will allow them to log onto the Internet from home or the library and practice these skills.

Homework

You should expect your child to have homework Monday-Thursday each week. Homework may consist of review of skills taught, Spelling, Reading, and Math Practice. In addition, students are expected to read 20 minutes each night and complete the reading log. Students should also practice multiplication and division facts each night.

Behavior

The fourth grade classes are using Class Dojo as a positive behavior management system. Teachers are recognizing students for good behavior choices. Students are able to spend their points for class incentives. Please talk with your child about showing good behavior choices and demonstrating good citizenship and character traits.

Calendar of Events

November 16-Progress Reports Go Home
November 20-24-Thanksgiving Holiday/No School
December 7-PTA Cultural Night

Communication Links

Parent Facilitator Updates:

www.mabletonelem.wix.com/familyblog

PTA: Make sure to download the new Mableton Elementary App

Next Week's Vocabulary Words

opaque, translucent, transparent, prism, reflection, refraction, source, mirror, angles

Mableton Mission:

Engage! Empower! Excel!

Mableton Vision:

To have a peaceful, productive, and engaging learning environment that guarantees the academic, social-emotional, and developmental needs of all of our students.

Mableton School Improvement Goals:

1. Students will demonstrate proficiency in reading and writing.
2. Students will demonstrate proficiency in math.
3. The staff will increase opportunities for parents to be active participants in their student's education.

The clinic needs your help!!! Please send in any extra clothes you have! The clinic always needs clothes for those who have accidents and spills at school. Thank you!