

# Mrs. Palmer's Homeroom

## Fourth Grade News

### October 4, 2019

Dear Parents,

This newsletter is mainly for the classes that I teach which happen to be the following:

- Reading to ALL 4th Graders
- Spelling, Writing and Grammar to our Homeroom Class

Sometimes however, there may be a few highlights for the whole 4th Grade in general in the section for Upcoming Events. Please refer to this newsletter often as it will let you know what we are working on in class. I usually post it on my website as well. [palmergrade4.weebly.com](http://palmergrade4.weebly.com) I hope you find this handy!

## Upcoming Events, Tests & Projects

### October

Monday, October 7th:

Field Trip to the Sylvania Historical Village  
(more information to come)

Stride Celebration Week with various events

Friday, October 11th:

Conference Form Returned today  
Scholastic Book Order due

Monday, October 14th: (Columbus Day)

Teacher In Service Day - No School

Thursday, October 17th:

End of 1st Quarter

Friday, October 25th:

2 Hour Late start - school begins at 10:20 a.m.  
Grade Cards go home today

Thursday, October 31st:

Fall Class Party 2:00 - 2:45

### November

Monday, November 4th & Tuesday, November 5th:

Parent/Teacher Conferences - No School  
Book Fair Week

Wednesday, November 13th:

Parent Breakfast A-L

Thursday, November 14th:

Parent Breakfast M-Z

Wednesday, November 27th - Friday, November 29th:

Thanksgiving Break - No School

#### Classroom Parties

We welcome the following Room Mom's to help organize our classroom parties this year. They are Amber Ferrell, Cheryl LoFiego and Kayla Mohr .

Thank you in advance for sending in money to help cover the cost of the parties.

### Homework

Again, please assist your child nightly in making sure that homework is complete and put back into their Yellow Folder and into their book bag. Some students are struggling in this area. Everyone should be in a good routine by now.

### Spelling

Some students are having a difficult time getting homework turned in on time for the 2-sided sheet and cursive. Please assist your child to make sure that this is completed and turned in on time.

Remember that your child can practice their Spelling using *Spelling City*. You can access this through our classroom website.

#### Reminder:

- 2-sided Spelling Sheet is due on Wednesday
- Cursive is due on Thursday
- Gold Practice Test is due Friday
- Test on Friday

### Language

Students have been working on a big writing piece called, "A Small Moment In Time" where they wrote a Personal Narrative about a special time in their lives. This took a while to complete, but we finally finished this week.

Along with our writing piece, we have been working on using "and" as well as other "conjunctions" in our sentence work. My hope is that students will continue to apply these skills within their writing.

Students began paragraph writing on a single topic this week for a quick writing piece and are continuing the same method used in 3rd grade in which they folded a sheet of blank, white paper in order to create a graphic organizer. We will use this method throughout the year in order to prepare for the AIR Test in the Spring where students will have to learn to organize their thoughts without a premade graphic organizer.



Students are given the opportunity to read for 20 minutes 5 nights a week and fill out their Book It Calendar each month. Students that read each month receive a pizza coupon for Pizza Hut. **Any student that has read every month through March will receive a special treat and gift from Mrs. Palmer.** I would love to have our whole class participate!

### Reading

Last week students worked on an Informational Text in our *Journeys* Book called, My Librarian Is A Camel. Students learned the various ways that children throughout the world get books. We focused on the specific country, how they get the books and why children get their books this way. Students were able to choose their groups to work in and created a slideshow presentation on their specific country of choice. Although students did fairly well on this task, they need to make some improvements in learning how to communicate as a team more efficiently. They did well for their first time this year though!

We read a tall tale called Stormalong this week. Students enjoyed talking about hyperboles from the story and examples that we use often in our daily lives. We discussed character traits and dictionary skills.

Next week we hope to focus on creating our own tall tales using the characters of Stormalong and Paul Bunyan. This will be an exciting adventure for us so we will probably not have a test at the end of the week. We will focus on vocabulary and writing quality stories.



### Sylvania Historical Trip

We are scheduled for our first field trip to the Sylvania Historical Village on Main Street in Sylvania on Monday, October 7th. It will be an all day event. You should have seen the information arrive home, but I just thought I'd give you a friendly reminder in case any parents wanted to take the day off work to join the 4th Grade.

Parents if you would like to come along for this trip it is a very enjoyable day! Students will dress up in Pioneer attire and you may as well if you wish. **We remain as a whole class on this day, so you would not be in charge of your own group of students.**

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