

Mrs. Palmer's Homeroom

Fourth Grade News

November 11, 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 I hope you find this handy!

Upcoming Events, Tests & Projects

November

Monday, November 11th:

Veteran's Day

Tuesday, November 12th:

Veteran's Day Luncheon

Wednesday, November 13th:

Parent Breakfast A-L

Thursday, November 14th:

Parent Breakfast M-Z

Tuesday, November 19th:

Yearbook Candid Picture Day

Friday, November 22nd:

Scholastic Book Order is due



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

Thanksgiving Break - No School

December

Wednesday, December 4th:

SPO Meeting 6 p.m.

Friday, December 6th:

Bingo 6:30 - 7:30

Wednesday, December 18th:

5th Grade DARE Graduation at 2:15

Thursday, December 19th:

End of 2nd Quarter

Last Day of Classes

Winter Party at 2:00 p.m.

Friday, December 20th:

No School - Records Day for Teachers

Friday, December 20th through Friday, January 3rd:

Winter Break

January

Monday, January 6th:

Classes resume



Please send in a "short" Pringles can for a top secret project for the holidays. Extras are welcome!



Classroom Party

Our Fall Party was so much fun! Thank you to the room moms that helped to organize the activities and food. Thank you also to the parents that were unable to attend, but helped out by sending in treats and supplies. We could not have done it without your contributions.

Students divided up into teams and had a Mummy Contest using toilet paper. This was so much fun! They also did a Cake Walk with prizes. The treats were delicious!



Conferences

It was a pleasure meeting with you at conferences. I truly enjoyed our conversation and discussing the strengths and future goals of your child. Please continue to keep the communication open throughout the remainder of the year.



Homework

We have not had much homework so far this year, but things will be picking up. Please make sure that your child is on top of their work. Parent assistance is still required.

Reading

Last week you should have seen your child's fairy tale come home. Students were excited to write these and presented them to the class. Mrs. Gault was invited into our classroom to listen to a few of these tales. She truly enjoyed looking at the children's illustrations which were displayed on the Smartboard while listening to their fairy tale.

No matter which class your child is in, all students have been focusing on using the dictionary correctly. They know how to use guide words, identify the parts of speech for each word as well as identify the correct definition to be used. Although in our electronic world today and through the use of spell check, etc., I feel that it is an important skill that should still be taught. Rest assured that your child has either mastered this skill already and is very efficient at it or is on the way to mastery. We will continue to use dictionaries this year.

Students have also focused on comprehension questions for their particular story. We have discussed in full the various ways to begin their answers so that they are **NOT** restating the exact words in the question; rather, they are rephrasing it in a different way. They use words such as:

- According to...
- On page 42, it states ...

Dear Mr. Henshaw:

Friday, November 15th:

Quiz on pages 43-107

Monday, November 18th:

Project information to come home

Thursday, November 21st:

Final Test

Monday, November 25th:

Paper Bag Project due

Sounder

Friday, November 15th:

Quiz on pages 47-76

Monday, November 18th:

Project information to come home

Friday, November 22nd:

Final Quiz on pages 77-116:

Monday, November 25th:

Project due and we will watch the movie Sounder

Students may bring in a snack and drink approved by parents

No More Dead Dogs

Friday, November 15th:

Quiz on pages 46-109

Monday, November 18th:

Project information to come home

Friday, November 21st:

Final Quiz on pages 110-180

Monday, November 25th:

Project due



Sylvania Historical Trip

Students had a terrific field trip to the Sylvania Historical Village. The ladies there always enjoy having Sylvan visit for the day. We were able to learn about artifacts, home and school life as well as transportation and tools used during this time. A wealth of knowledge was gained and students even completed "chores" of churning butter and making candles. We enjoyed eating our corn muffins, butter, and beef jerky upon our return to school. Thank you to the parents that were able to join us for the day. Thank you also for sending your child in their fabulous pioneer outfits.



Spelling

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 finished working on Nouns and will be finishing up our Pronoun Work this week. We have continued to write in our Composition Notebooks and will be starting a detailed writing piece shortly. Please continue to assist your child with the basic mechanics and helping them to proofread their work.



Students have been 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!

For the month of October we had 7 students participate. Congratulations! I would love for all 16 students to participate.



Weather

The cold weather is here! Please observe what your child is wearing as they walk out the door in the morning. Winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves and boots are the main necessities for the days ahead, so please help your child remain comfortable when outdoors at recess. **IT IS COLD!!!!**

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