

Fourth Grade News

August/September 2009

Welcome Back to School

It is hard to believe that the 2009-2010 school has begun. It was so nice to meet many of you at the Ice Cream Social and Curriculum Night. The students have been working hard. We will continue to review and introduce routines and procedures for a few more weeks.

Our newsletter will be available via the website on the first Friday of every month. If for some reason you need a hard copy please let us know, and we would be glad to print one off and send it home in your child's Friday Folder.

As always please feel free to email or call us with any questions.
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Language Arts and Literacy

We are off to a great start learning our routines and procedures for our literacy block. The students are learning all the components of the Daily 5 and have been practicing daily. Each morning we will start with our writer's workshop focusing on personal narratives and then move into our guided reading rotations.

Students should be reading at least ten minutes night!

Math

We will continue to work on number sense as well as reviewing basic math facts. Chapter two deals with rounding and ordering numbers. This should be a review for most students.

It is amazing to see how quickly they are picking up the facts after a long summer break. We have shown the students many techniques to help them memorize their multiplication facts. We have learned new songs,

games, and will continue to practice for a few more weeks. Knowing the basic facts will help students to be successful throughout the school year as we learn how to do double-digit multiplication and long division. Let me know if you need flash cards at home.

Be sure to check out the website for links to some great resources! Students should be studying their flash cards every night.

Social Studies

We have started learning all about Nebraska with a review of maps and an introduction to the regions of the United States. The students will have a quiz on September 8 over what they have learned. For the rest of the month, we will be studying Nebraska's topography, land and water use, and ancient Nebraska using Chapter Three of our textbook. **Your child should be bringing home their social studies book every night to finish any homework or to review the day's lesson.**

Fourth graders will be taking a field trip to the 5th Annual Indian/Native American Education Days. This is a wonderful introduction to our unit of study on the Native American culture in Nebraska. It is also very useful for helping the students understand certain aspects of the Native American culture (customs, tools, and artwork) that they will need to have a good grasp on for a CRT that we will take in mid-October. Be sure to ask them about their adventure to help them review!

Upcoming Events

Skating party
September 10th

Native American Days Field Trip
September 15th

Open House
September 17

School Carnival
September 24

No School
September 25 and 28

Donation Request

- Three ring binder paper
- Klennex
- Clorox Wipes
- Pencils
- Sticky Notes