

4TH GRADE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Greetings, families!

Time is flying by as we move along into October learning! We are so proud of the students and how they have adapted so well to this change in instruction. We obviously have changes coming up over the next two months, so stay positive and encourage your children to continue adapting to changes!

We are starting new units in both Literacy and Math in October. We will be going at a moderate pace to ensure that students are able to follow along and feel confident in their abilities. These will be very new to them compared to last year. We all have high expectations and high belief that these students will do well!

LITERACY

October in Literacy is about WRITING! Students will be writing different types of pieces this month based off of our previous poetry unit. We start out by doing an author study based upon life background and inspiration. Students will be writing a literary essay from the research they find. This will be their first time writing a piece from a third person perspective. Students have written about their views on topics in previous years using a constant sentence starter of "I". This writing will be informative about a topic rather than their views and feelings on it.

They will be able to get back to their feelings as we begin to write our own poems toward the end of the month! Students have been exposed to an assortment of authors and styles and will be able to create their own works to share!

MATH

Multiplication and Division!!! This is the foundation of SO much that we do in fourth grade is built upon. Knowing multiplication FACTS is a 3rd grade standard, but we will be reviewing them daily before we do our 4th grade material. This year students will learn strategies for how to multiply numbers up to three digits by one digit, as well as two digits by two digits.

We HIGHLY encourage you to maybe sit in on a couple lessons **off screen** to see how the area model and partial product strategies are done. The reason for these strategies is to build number sense and place understanding rather than the standard algorithm (*OLD WAY*) which is strictly procedural.

PLEASE have students practice their math multiplication facts for fluency each night. It will make a world of difference for them!

EXIT TICKETS

Please remind your child that Exit Tickets are to be completed EVERY day for Literacy and Math. These not only count as participation points for the day for them, but it allows us to adapt our small group lessons to meet the needs of our students. The Exit Tickets can be found in their Canvas pages!

