

4th Grade News 11-22-19

What We're Learning:

Reading: Students are enjoying their survival books. This week we focused on ways we can compare and contrast characters, settings, events, and themes in our books. Many of us are finding that survival is more than just about physical survival but can apply to surviving various mental/emotional hardships in our lives. Students also took the end of trimester 1 ISD reading assessment this week.

Writing: Students have developed a wide array of thesis statements supported by reasons for their opinion essays. To organize our information, students are using a boxes and bullets method. We have learned how to make sure our reasons support our thesis and that we are using elaboration techniques to support our reasons with specific details.

Math: This week in math we are learning and practicing many new skills that go along with division. Students are familiar with the partial quotients form of division and can also represent division on a place value chart. So far we have worked with 2-digit by 1-digit division with a remainder. Students were introduced to the standard algorithm of long division today. Practice is critical for these new multiplication and division algorithms.

Science: We have wrapped up our second science unit. This week we learned about and saw examples of changes of states of matter. Students took a posttest today on our matter unit.

In Other News:

Conferences: I'm happy to say that I have all students scheduled for conferences. Please remember to bring your child with you to their conference. Their conference will be more meaningful to them if they take part. If you have something sensitive, you'd like to discuss without your child, please let me know in advance and I will make sure to set aside some time to talk to you privately.

Volunteering: The November volunteer calendar is up! I am excited to let you know that if you've been cleared by the Washington State Patrol, you can now sign up to volunteer in class! This year I'm using SignUp.com to organize our upcoming volunteer spots. If you decide to volunteer, it would be helpful if you could sign up with at least 24 hours notice so I can ensure I have something prepared for your visit. Thank you for your time!

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1) Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp.com:

<https://signup.com/go/OxENoNt>

2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.

3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

Room Parent/Grandparent: If you have any interest in planning and organizing seasonal classroom parties with other parents/grandparents, please let me know! Being at new district/school/grade level leaves me very little time to coordinate these types of events and they may not happen without your help. Thanks for your consideration!

Calendar of Events: Please refer to my website's homepage, Apollo Rocket E-News, or the [Apollo PTA's website](#) for up-to-date information on upcoming events!