

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade News 12-5-19

### What We're Learning:

**Reading:** Our survival unit continues, and many students have already finished their first book. This week we covered more lessons on compare and contrast and vocabulary strategies. We took our strategies a step further by comparing and contrasting two different genres of text and examining if the authors had the same opinions on the shared topic in the text.

**Writing:** We have begun drafting our opinion writing essay in class and have started to look at ways we can improve our craft. We made our writing more interesting this week by adding an anecdote (a short, personal story) to one or more of our body paragraphs and have done some self-assessment with the opinion checklist.

**Math:** We have been working hard on learning many different division algorithms. This week, we learned how to represent the area model process of division and with problems with and without remainders. Practice is critical for these new multiplication and division algorithms.

**Science:** We have started another science unit called Water, Water Everywhere. This science unit outlines different processes to filter water. Students are learning about the engineering design process and will apply what they've learned about the Ganges River to design an actual water filter.

### In Other News:

**Conferences:** Thank you so very much for taking the time out of your busy lives to meet with me and celebrate your child's successes and talk about their next steps and goals. I hope the time was as valuable to you and your child as it was to me. Thank you for the kind words and gestures that many of you shared with me; I'm so grateful! As always, if there is anything else you'd like to discuss, please let me know!

### **Scholastic Book Fair:**

The Apollo PTA fall book fair is coming up on Dec 9-13. We need your help to remain open for all classes, recesses, after school and during the family Winter Event. Please consider signing up for a shift or two so we can keep this fun event open for our excited students. No experience is necessary and it is easy to be a volunteer for the book fair.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a4ea4aa23a7fd0-scholastic>

We are also excited to be using eWallet for student purchases. This is a great option for kids to pay without bringing cash to school. It is safe, secure and free to set up online. You set a spending limit and any remaining funds will be released back to your credit card. As a bonus, we are offering a limited supply reusable drawstring bag for any book fair eWallet purchases. To set up your account or learn more about eWallet follow this link.

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/parent-how-it-works.html?fairID=4289191>

Questions? We can be reached at [Bookfair@apollopta.org](mailto:Bookfair@apollopta.org)

Thanks,

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**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!