

# Fourth Grade News

## October Edition

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### Reading:

We are continuing to enjoy reading *Sign of the Beaver* to learn about character traits, point of view, and character comparisons. In fourth grade students are expected to be able to notice whether a text is written in a first or third person point of view and think about the effect that the point of view has how events are described. Students will also begin reading a few myths in October in order to be able to understand mythological allusions in other texts. For example, knowing that a character with Herculean strength is a synonym for enormous strength. Please continue to encourage students to read for 30 minutes each night and discuss what they have read during that time frame.

### Math:

We are very excited about the math unit we will be studying this month. We will be using our knowledge of multiplication, addition, area, and perimeter to design a house! Students will be applying their problem solving skills and knowledge to work as a team to create blueprints for a house while staying within the parameters given.

The unit standards will focus on the following:

- Adding multi-digit numbers using the standard algorithm.
- Multiplying using the area model and expanded notation. We will multiply 1-digit numbers by both 2 and 3-digit numbers as well as multiplying 2-digit and 2-digit numbers.
- Applying addition and multiplication to finding the area and perimeter of objects.
- Solving multi-step problems using addition and multiplication.

**Multiplication Fact Fluency** is essential to the success of our students in this unit. Please practice multiplication facts daily to build fluency.

### Writing:

Students have worked hard on writing their personal narratives and will be using time in October to extend our personal narrative writing strategies to write their very own fiction creation! Students will plan and develop characters as part of a plot and theme of their choice. At the end of October after making edits and revisions to both writing pieces, students will select either their fiction creation or personal narrative to publish. You can support your student by asking about the character traits for their main character in their fiction story. You can also ask your student about their story map including the exposition, rising action, climax, and resolution of their story.

### Social Studies:

Students spent the first week of October finishing up their study of North Carolina settlement by learning about proprietor and royal colonies.

### Science:

Up next, students will switch gears and begin learning about electricity and magnetism. In fourth grade students are expected to recognize electricity as a basic form of energy. Students will investigate motion by thinking about how electrically charged objects can pull or push on other electrically charged objects to produce motion and how magnets work with all materials of iron to create motion without touching them. Students will be able to recognize electricity and magnetism as physical properties of matter.

### Un-Homework:

Choices are updated weekly. Be on the lookout for new and exciting activities to complete with your student!

## Reminders:

**Parent Teacher Conferences:** Please be sure that you have signed up for a time to meet with your child's team of teachers during the month of October to discuss your student's goals and progress in fourth grade.

**Field Trip:** Our first field trip will take place on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> to the NC History Museum. In order to be ready for the trip be sure that your lunch choice has been submitted by October 12<sup>th</sup>. Furthermore, the cost of field trips for the entire year is \$68.00. Please submit \$68.00 or a partial payment of \$22.00 prior to November 4<sup>th</sup>.

## October at a Glance

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6 Picture Day	7
10	11 PTA Meeting	12 Chic-Fil-A Dine Out Night	13 All Pro Dad's Breakfast	14
17	18	19	20	21 Early Release
24 Red Ribbon Spirit Week	25 Red Ribbon Spirit Week	26 Red Ribbon Spirit Week	27 Red Ribbon Spirit Week	28 Red Ribbon Spirit Week  Quarter 1 Ends SHINE Awards
31 Happy Halloween   No School				