



Fabulous Fourth Grade's Weekly News

For the week of: October 21, 2013



What We Are Up To:

4th Grade Reading: We will be reading Look to the North, a nonfiction selection. Our focus skills are adjusting our reading rate for nonfiction and summarizing.

5th Grade Reading: We will be reading the story Iditarod Dream. Our focus skill will be sequencing and will also be working on simple subjects and predicates and hyperboles.

4th Grade Math: We will continue to work on partial quotient division problems with 3 and 4 digit dividends.

5th Grade Math: We will continue to learn about fractions including prime and composite numbers, finding the least common denominator and adding/subtracting fractions with unlike denominators.

Science: We are going to begin our unit on changes to the Earth's surface. The first two topics we will learn about are weathering and erosion.

Social Studies: We will read and understand the impacts of the Mexican-American War on the United States and Mexico.

Writing: Our focus trait this month is "organization." We will be practicing this skill through a variety of mini-lessons, quick-writes, and a writing project called *The Secret Shortcut*.

Next Week's Kindness Program Focus Skill:

Respect

A Quick Note:

We're excited for the new quarter and want to get all the students off to a great start. Just a reminder about homework, reading packets are given Friday and are due the following Friday. Math homework is due daily. It's very important that students have their math homework with them because we go over it each day. All students should continue to practice their multiplication facts!!

Important Dates:

- * Picture Retakes – Tuesday, October 22nd
- * Arizona Cookie Map – Monday, October 28th-toothpick flags are due.
- * Arizona Cookie Map – Wednesday, October 30th-donated items are due.
- * Arizona Cookie Map – Friday, November 1st.
***Volunteers needed from 2-3pm.**
- ***Candy, legend and the baked cookie are due.**