



Fourth Grade Features Mrs. Hofrichter

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Events and Home- work Due Dates for *next week:*

Monday:

Signed planners

Reading logs

Spelling points due

Wednesday:

Chapel 8:20am

Thursday:

*Field trip to Lelooska
Foundation 8:30-2:30*

Friday:

Spelling Test 8

Memory Quiz

Math packet due

*Veteran's Day Assembly
8:20am*

Please check your child's planner *daily* and *sign it weekly* to see the assignments they need to be doing at home, and if they are missing any work.

CANDIED OUT!?

Donate extra Halloween Candy to the Harvest Festival. Send in by 11/18.

A Happenin' Halloween!

We started the week with a BANG! Thanks to Mrs. Moeller and all the wonderful Parent Leaders, 4th grade had a wonderful Halloween Celebration! I am sad I missed it, but it sounds like everything went as planned— the party, the crafts, the treats and the parade! Aside from my snowy New York adventures, I also had the opportunity to train on and research apps for our new iPads! We will be incorporating these into our classrooms within the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Seim has been on a several-month long trek throughout the NW. He was communicating with the 4th graders along his journey. Wednesday, he came and shared some things about his journey and brought us goodies (books, brochures, a new game and pencils). We learned about some of the emigrant trails through Wyoming (like the Oregon Trail), and about the

Iditarod.

This is kind of fitting, since we started reading Stone Fox, by John Reynolds Gardner, this week. It is a story that involves a dog sled race! We began this novel together, then split into smaller reading groups. We are working together to read, keep track of characters and their traits, and also interesting and new vocabulary. We will be responding to this story as we read to build comprehension.

In Writing, we continued working on engaging the reader in our writing. We learned new techniques like character development and using onomatopoeia! We also learned the correct editing marks, so we can self-edit our writing. This helps us to improve our grammar, spelling, and mechanics of writing.

We explored more about the water cycle this week! We learned new vocabulary: evapo-

ration, condensation and precipitation. We also researched, observed and collected data in a science experiment. We got to see how the water cycle works, how clouds are formed and why precipitation is always fresh water! We also continued being meteorologists by checking and reporting the daily weather.

We are still working on our Native American mini books. We are going on our first field trip next week to The Lelooska Foundation, where we will see first-hand how the Natives lived and story-told!

We are plowing through Unit 3 in Math! We flew to Cairo, Egypt this week. Along the way, we calculated air distances by measuring, using a globe scale, and multiplying large numbers. We also learned many facts about Cairo. We also learned strategies for solving number stories. We are problem solvers!

Field Trip

Remember to arrive on time Thursday!
We will be leaving promptly at 8:30.

The forecast is 40's with showers, so **dress warmly and**

bring a rain coat.

Remember to **bring a bag lunch** that day. There will be no access to a microwave, so pack accordingly.

Thank you to all the drivers and chaperones coming along. I will have information and your carpools ready Thursday morning.

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"classroom connections" for
4th grade!

To me, every hour of the light and
dark is a miracle.

-Walt Whitman

Praise be to the God and Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ, who has
blessed us in the heavenly realms
with every spiritual blessing in
Christ.

-Ephesians 1:3

Fun Weather

Sure, you can explore weather by looking out the window, but now you can interact with it...even create your own! Try one or all of these neat weather websites.

Find weather facts, games, and information on: www.weatherwizkids.com

Explore weather across the world, games and activities on:

www.theweatherchannelkids.com

Create your own weather on:

www.scholastic.com/kids/weather/

Enjoy! -Mrs. H.

1st & 4th Grade Leaders

We met with our 1st grade buddies to Synergize and plan our Friday Leader In Me Assembly. We Led prayer, the pledges, our theme song (I Will Follow), and a skit about Habit 2: Begin With the End In Mind.

We shared this information:

-Habit 2 means HAVE A PLAN!

-Our end in mind is on eternal life with God.

-Hebrews 12:2a says Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.