

Fourth Grade Newsletter

"We are crew, not passengers." Kurth Hahn



On time

"All that we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us".
(J.R.R. Tolkien)

Habit of a scholar for November: perseverance. The student plans, organizes, and manages behaviors and responsibilities.

CREW: the students have started working on social and emotional learning using a new curriculum called Second Step. The first lesson was about all about **empathy** or walking in another kid's shoes. This week we are working in becoming more aware of our listening skills and how to improve to become a better listener. Please talk to your child about what they are learning in this new program.

Upcoming events

Parent/ Teacher Conferences

Thursday 1st
3:30-7:00 PM

Friday 2nd 7:45
-11:45 AM No
School for students

Book Fair

Thursday 1st

3:30-7:00 PM

Friday 2nd 7:45
-11:45 AM

Fourth Grade Play

**Tuesday
November 13th**

**Thanksgiving
Break.
11/19-11/23**

BES,

Fourth Grade
Teachers

Reading. Readers use point of view in literary texts and use reasons and evidence to better understand what they read. In our current unit from ReadyGen, the focus of instruction will be on developing new reading strategies and skills. The students will be working on using details to describe a person's life, understand sequence of events, use details and examples to draw inferences, determine main idea and key details by doing text talk, close reading and text analysis.



Writing. The second unit of creative writing is already on its way. This time the students are learning how to write a five paragraph essay stating an opinion. Stating a thesis sentence, finding three main reasons, finding supporting details for their reasons, using good introductions and conclusions are some of the expectations for this unit. At end of this unit, in mid-December, parents will have an opportunity to be part of their student's success by sharing and celebrating their published work. Talk to your student about their ideas for this second unit. Encourage your child to write at home as much as possible about different topics they might be interested in.

Social Studies: the students will prepare for our upcoming play. Through this performance, they will learn about the history of the State of Colorado in an amusing and engaging way. There will be more information going home soon. The play will be on Tuesday, November 13th at BMS auditorium. We are looking forward to seeing you there and support your young actors.

Homework: Please read with your child at least twenty minutes every night. There will be no logs assigned this year, but there are times when we will ask students to share what they have been reading. For Math, expect about 3 pages of practice a week, assigned on Monday, due on the next Monday. IXL and Kahn Academy may be assigned as well.

Math: We are starting our Unit 3 in Math about fractions and decimal numbers. In this unit your child will compare fractions with like and unlike denominators, locate fractions on a number line, add and subtract fractions with like and unlike denominators, identify equivalent fractions. Compare decimal fractions. Use the free Math Vocabulary Cards app for additional support: mathlearningcenter.org/apps

The math newsletter will be sent home soon with more ideas about how to help your student with more more strategies.