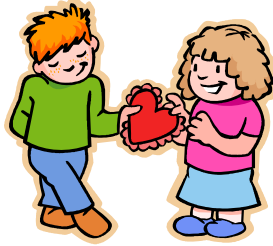


Fourth Grade February Newsletter



ELA

During the next marking period, students will be continuing with skills such as identifying narrative elements, making changes in narrative elements, summarizing, comparing and contrasting, inferencing and applying these skills while reading text. These skills are critical for comprehension. Students will continue to read informational texts and chapter books, identify text structures, and write a summary of the important details. In writing, students will be focusing on poetry along with similes and metaphors. It is expected that all fourth grade students write their final copies in cursive or type them on the computer. Students will continue to study and apply different spelling patterns based on their Words Their Way groups to enhance writing.

Math

This quarter, students will be studying basic multiplication, division, and fractions. In the advanced group, students will continue with fraction concepts, specifically focusing on adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers. Students will also be involved in activities related to probability.

Study guides are given to students to help prepare for tests. Although study guides are not given out for quizzes, students are told a few days in advance what concepts will be covered and are encouraged to take their math resource journal home to study.

It is extremely important for your child to know his/her basic facts for the four math operations. Without basic facts, your child cannot do the major concepts we will be learning during the year. Please make sure your child is studying basic facts every night for at least ten minutes. If your child does not have flash cards, they can easily be purchased at any department store or teacher supply store, or contact your child's math teacher. We will be glad to assist you by giving materials to make studying the facts easier.

Social Science

During this quarter in science, students will be studying electricity, magnets, sound, and light. Please ask your child to share their knowledge with you-we are discovering exciting things! In social studies, students will be studying Colonial Maryland.