



Fourth Grade November Newsletter

The Fourth Grade Team appreciates the families who were able to attend our October conference nights! We will have a third evening for conferences on November 16th. If you have not signed up yet, please call the office to schedule!

Writing

Students continue to be engrossed in daily writing! Personal narratives continue to evolve as we focus in on strong leads and endings and inclusion of more powerful words and figurative language. Some classes have written persuasive pieces, and many are writing to inform using facts from their research.

Reading

All of our Fourth Graders are reading, reading, reading! Students now have their "Ready Set Read" journals, donated by the Ravens, and are reading at home each night. The goal is 200 minutes by Nov. 3 to be entered in a drawing for prizes!

Students continue to analyze informational texts and it's features, distinguish between facts and opinions, identify the main idea and the author's purpose.

We will continue to focus on Story Elements with an emphasis on character analysis, identifying character traits, characters' motives, and explaining how the characters' actions affect the plot of a story.

Students are encouraged to keep reading over the Thanksgiving break!

Math

Most classes are working on Cluster 3. Students are recognizing patterns and completing algebraic functions! Cluster 4 we'll be working with multiplication and division. Students will be multiplying 2 and 3 digit numbers by a single factor and learning the concepts of division. Although students will be exposed to strategies that will help them recall their facts, we encourage them to practice their multiplication facts at home for mastery!

Social Studies

Students are studying the American Indians of the Chesapeake Bay Region. We are studying their culture and how they used the Physical Features of the land to meet their needs and wants. This month we will also begin looking at the Europeans who first settled in what is now the state of Maryland. How appropriate that this is our focus as we look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving!

Science

Students in Mrs. Calvert's class are studying Water Quality and the impact on the Chesapeake Bay. We're also studying Adaptations as we learn more about the characteristics of living things, food chains, and ecosystems.

Ms. Potash's class is learning about Force and Motion.

Mr. Kobler's students are working to be "electrical engineers" as we work through the engineering process to create circuits and solve problems.

Attendance Reminder

As you know, we strive for high attendance rates at Winfield! Please be selective in scheduling appointments and vacations so that they only impact your child's learning in the least possible way. It is very difficult to catch up on missed instruction.