

Ms. Goldman's Fourth Grade Newsletter



October 21 – October 25, 2019

Units of Study

Reading: We will continue Unit 2: The Middle Ages, learning to take notes on several different members of the Middle Ages: knights, craftsmen, monks and nuns. We will discuss their homes, work, clothing, food, and amount of power in the feudal system.

Writing: In CKLA Writing, we will finalize our informative paragraphs about serfs. We will revise our own first drafts by using an editing checklist to make sure we have all essential parts of a paragraph, as well as will add in transition words/phrases to make our writing "smoother". We will type up final drafts to "publish" our work!

Math: We will continue Chapter 3: Multiplication & Division, reviewing the different methods we can use to multiply up to 4-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers, with or without regrouping. We will also review how to multiply 2-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers, as well as how to estimate products.

Science: We will not be working on Science this week.

Social Studies: We will wrap up Chapter 2: Native Americans, learning about the Ancestral Puebloans of Colorado, as well as the three contemporary tribes: the Utes, the Arapaho, and the Cheyenne. We will complete an individual project on the iPads in which students create a collage representative of their chosen tribe. We will take our chapter assessment.

Exploratories Schedule

Our regular Exploratories (Specials) time is from 9:10 – 10:00 AM.

Monday: **Music**

Tuesday: Spanish

Wednesday: P.E. & TEAMS

Thursday: Music

Friday: Art

Homework

All homework (for the time being) below is strongly encouraged as extra practice. Some required homework and projects will begin in October.

Math: **Multiplication Fact Practice (10 minutes)**

Reading: **Independent Reading/Reading Aloud (20 minutes)**

Spelling: There will be no Spelling homework until the week after conferences.

Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences

Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences will be all-day on Thursday, October 24th and Friday, October 25th. Thank you to all for signing up for your child's conference! This was my speediest year ever (in terms of scheduling) and I owe it to all of you!

Please be sure to **bring your child** to their scheduled conference time! It is essential that they be there for their own conference, as they will be sharing certain assignments/grades with you, as well as creating goals for themselves. I look forward to sharing about your child's progress thus far in Fourth Grade!

Halloween Parade & Party

On Thursday, October 31st, students are allowed to bring their costumes to school to put on for our afternoon parade and Halloween parties. The all-school parade will begin around 1:15 pm at the play park (families are invited to attend), followed by our in-class Halloween party, which we will have until dismissal at 2:50 pm.

If you are interested in helping to provide snacks, drinks, utensils/plates/cups, or to plan games/help chaperone during the class party, please let me know via email or by filling out the volunteer slip that I sent home last week. Thank you for your support! ☺

October Field Trip Payment DUE by October 31st

If you have elected to pay for the 4th grade field trip fee through our monthly payment plan, the **October Field Trip Fee (\$13 in cash or check) is due by Thursday, 10/31**. You may send it in with your child on any morning between now and then, or stop by the office and pay them directly. You may also pay me during your child's conference. Thank you for keeping up with field trip payments!

Upcoming Events

October 23rd – Student Picture Retake Day

October 24th & 25th – Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences, NO SCHOOL

October 31st – Halloween Parade & Class Party, 1:15-2:50 pm