

4th Grade Weekly News



August 31, 2007

What's Happening:

As you all know, we have been very busy and have gotten off to a great start in 4th grade. We have been reviewing and refining our addition skills in math, getting down our Language! routine, and beginning to study our great state, Texas. Next week, we will continue our study of the four major regions of Texas and in math, we will introduce place value to the millions, and compare and order those numbers.

Next week, math homework will begin. Each night the students will have an assignment related to the math concepts we have been working on in class. Please be mindful that part of the students' homework responsibility is to have a parent sign/initial their agenda each night, as well as their homework page. You do not have to check the page, but please help to make sure that they have followed all directions and completed the assignment. Your help in establishing this routine at home is greatly appreciated. Thanks for all that you do!!!

~ Ms. Lasley, Ms. Markey, & Ms. Kopecky

Have a great, long weekend!!!



Social Studies Newsflash:

To conclude our study of the 4 major regions of Texas, each student will be making a poster displaying the landscapes of each of them. **Each child will need to bring a white posterboard next week by Wednesday.** Thanks for your help in preparing for this activity!!! Thanks!!!

A word about Math...

We have had a few questions about our math curriculum and hope to answer them for you here. In 4th grade, we have found that teaching the operations: addition, multiplication, and division using the Semple method is very useful and effective for our students. It really helps them to keep track of all of the steps and easily find any miscalculations, and in time will make them more accurate. We also use their methods for teaching fractions, decimals and percents. As far as the rest of the math curriculum, we supplement it with various sources.

The homework that we send home allows the students to get needed practice at home. The more practice they get now, the easier it will be when we get to more difficult material, namely long multiplication and division. On homework, each student is expected to complete it using the methods we have taught them in class. We will never send something for them to complete that we have not directly taught them in class. We know some of it may seem a little strange but ask them to teach you to reinforce their learning!!!



School News:

- Rawson-Saunders t-shirt orders are due on Sept. 7 (They are great for the kids to wear on Field Trips and on Fridays!!!)
- Please remember to return your Parent/Student Handbook Agreement and Vision and Hearing Screening forms to Julie ASAP.
- Entertainment Book money due September 4
- Be sure to watch for **THURSDAY FOLDERS**, formerly known as Friday Folders. Please review and keep the contents and return the folder to your child's homeroom teacher each Friday.



Next Week at a Glance...

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY	PE *Flexible Language! Groupings begin meeting today	*Each student needs to bring a white posterboard by today!!!	PE	