

Grade Four

August News Letter

Greetings from Grade Four

We have had an excellent start to the school year. The children have been working hard and have been responsible with turning in their assignments.

Homework

Homework is given nightly. There will usually be one math and one language assignment. I will try not to give homework over the weekend. However, if a test is scheduled at the beginning of the week, some study will be required.

Tests

Tests will be given at the end of each chapter in all subject areas. I will notify the students 4-7 days prior to each test. Look for test dates in your child's assignment notebook. Study guide questions will be given in the areas of social studies and science. Other subject areas have excellent review sections at the end of each chapter.

Spelling

Spelling lists (25 words) will be given each Monday. Please review these words nightly. There will be a practice test on Thursday. If 100% is obtained on the practice test, the final test on Friday need not be taken.

Monthly Focus

Each month our class will be focusing on a particular theme. Activities will be based on that theme through out the curriculum. The theme for this month is "All about me". Activities this month will focus on getting to know each other, our interests, our likes, and our dislikes. We will explore this topic through poetry, art, stories, and writing.

Study Skills

Please ask to see your child's assignment notebook nightly. They will have homework (30-45 minutes). This year the children will be required to take more responsibility for seeing that they have the all the necessary assignments copied into their notebooks correctly. Homework and test dates will be posted at the beginning of each school day on the front chalkboard. These listings will remain on the board until the end of the school day. Each student has the responsibility for seeing these are recorded in their notebook. This month, I will help remind the students to complete this task. However, the goal is to have them do this independently. I am very pleased with the effort the children have been devoting to their work. I hope to see good study habits develop as a result of this. Thank you for your all your support.