

THE NEWS FROM 4TH GRADE

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End of the First Quarter

Can you believe that the first quarter of the school year will be over next week already? Many of the students are meeting their marks for this point in their 4th grade year, but some of them are struggling to meet the minimum requirements in independent reading and remembering to turn in their homework each day. Some kids still need reminders from you to get their work done each day. Thanks for your help!



Math

We've been working on learning how to multiply 2-digit and 3-digit numbers in Chapter 2 in math. While we've been doing that we've been reviewing all of the multiplication facts that we learned last year in 3rd grade. Does your child need some help practicing their facts to sharpen their skills? Here's a fun way to do it. Play "Multiplication War" with them. Take any deck of playing cards. Remove the jacks, queens, kings, and jokers. Shuffle the cards and deal them face down into 2 equal piles. Turn the top card of your piles up and multiply those two numbers together. Whoever says the math fact first -- wins the cards. Add these cards to the bottom of the pile. Play continues until one person has all of the cards in their possession. If you are much faster than your child, you can make the game more interesting by delaying your answer a few seconds (count to 3 or 4 before you say the fact yourself). You can note which facts your child is struggling with and help them to learn them at other times -- while driving in the car, waiting for the bus, or even while they're brushing their teeth.

Conferences

Conferences are scheduled for later this month for Wednesday, November 15, and Thursday, November 16. I'm looking forward to visiting with you about how we can make your child's 4th grade year even better for them.



Good luck to all of you who are deer hunters this weekend. Be careful out there in the woods. Hopefully, everyone will fill out early on the first morning. I always look forward to hearing all of the great deer stories that your kids tell during science class each day. Some are so good -- they might even be true!



Have a great weekend!