

Grade 4 Newsletter 11-5-17



Dear Parents,

Thank you for coming to conferences. It was very beneficial meeting with you, and I will now try to follow up on what we discussed about your child. Please keep in touch via email or the planner if there are any concerns, or if I forget something!

Please see the web page for schedule of tests—there are several, sorry! However, we actually have a normal schedule this week and should have full classes in every subject! The secret word is “acorn.”

Math: We are beginning Chapter 3 which covers addition and subtraction with regrouping and front end estimation. The children are already proficient in addition, so I will spend more time on subtraction with borrowing. The front end estimation will be new. The chapter ends with problem solving strategies and story problems. The test will probably be the week before Thanksgiving vacation with a quiz or two in between. The Mad Minute subtraction tests will soon count as grades.

Reading: As mentioned in some of our conferences, we will begin the home reading program using the mini-books that correspond with our reading series. There will be a nightly log to fill in, and a direction sheet to get you started. I will begin reading aloud the novel Wonder during free moments in class and at snack time.

Religion: We are on Chapter 6 which focuses on God’s Mercy, reconciliation and forgiveness. The test should be on Friday.

Social Studies: There will be a test on Ch 2 on map skills on Thursday. I have a study guide which I’ll send home on Monday. It looks like a lot, but we’ve covered these items thoroughly in class.

English: The last part of Ch 1 has been a slow go with so many interruptions to our schedule. There will be a test on these sections 1.8-1.11 on Wednesday. The direct objects and subject complements are not easy; I do not expect full mastery at this time in 4th grade.

Writing: The students are being encouraged to add description to their writing, and we will continue the practice of writing and editing paragraphs.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cooke