

Our Fourth Grade News



OCTOBER



From the Teacher

Greetings Fourth Grade Families!

As we enter our fifth week of learning, we want to thank you for all the care and support you are giving your child as we ALL start to embrace our new normal! We couldn't do it without you!

Thank you to the families who joined us virtually on KYSN!

Need help? Check out the following resourceful websites:

*[Caregivers Academy](#)

-is loaded with valuable information

*[West Tatnuck](#)

-full of information about our school

Look What We Are Learning!

In math we are finishing up our first topic on Place Value Understanding. In this topic, students have been learning how greater numbers are written, how place values are related, and how to compare numbers. In this topic, students also practiced their rounding skills and learned that the value of a digit depends on its place in a number. Students recognized that a digit in one place represents ten times what it represents in the place to its right. Our next topic will have students fluently adding and subtracting multi-digit numbers using regrouping.

In Science we are starting to study Earth's Changing Surface. Students will learn that Earth's surface has landforms that have changed over time and continue to change. Landforms that we see on Earth's surface also exist on the ocean floor. Most earthquakes and volcanoes occur in regions that are often along the boundaries between two tectonic plates.

For ELA: In addition to launching our writing program, we will also begin our first read aloud, the classic *Shiloh*. Within the next few weeks, students will be writing a Retell Summary and including it in a friendly letter they will send to an adult that is important to them. This project is one of my favorites, as past students have found it so rewarding! It is quite an undertaking, but I'm willing to do what it takes for the students to get this experience. That being said, any support you can give to help them get the addresses they will need is much appreciated!

For Social Studies: we are exploring the acronym GRAPES (Geography, Religion, Achievements, Economics, Social Structure) to understand what goes into a civilization, nation and/or country. We are working on "The GRAPES of Me!" to internalize those important concepts and see how they relate to our own fourth grade lives.

Reminders

Important DAILY Reminders

- ~Send your child in with at least TWO clean masks!
- ~Snacks need to be healthy and hearty! No candy or chocolate.
- ~Earbuds or headphones, along with charged up Chromebook and charger.
- ~Water bottles are water only, no juice, Gatorade or other drinks.
- ~NO GLASS CONTAINERS! This is so dangerous. We recently had a glass snack container break and shatter everywhere. It was a disaster!

Important Dates

Fri Oct 1 World Smile Day

*Support our first PTO fundraiser by wearing yellow, smiley faces, or something to make someone smile and donating \$1!

Fri Oct 8 NO SCHOOL

*Professional Development

Mon Oct 11 NO SCHOOL

*Columbus Day

Thurs Oct 14 PTO Meeting

*Virtual

Fri Oct 29 PARADE

*Halloween Parade at West Tatnuck!