



Fourth Grade Newsletter

January



Curriculum News

Math

- We will solve with fluency one- and two-step problems involving multiplication and division, including interpreting remainders.
- We will represent multi-step problems involving the four operations with whole numbers using strip diagrams and equations with a letter standing for the unknown quantity.
- We will name, compare, decompose, and add fractions using models, equations, and problem solving.

Reading

- We will determine the sequence of activities needed to carry out a procedure (e.g., following a recipe).
- We will explain the difference between a stated and an implied purpose for an expository text.
- We will explain the positive and negative impacts of advertisement techniques used in various genres of media to impact consumer behavior.

Writing

- We will "Write to Explain" as we work on expository writing fluency; create compositions that establish a central idea, include supporting sentences with facts, details and explanations, and contain a concluding statement.
- We will elaborate to improve our writing.

Science

- We will draw inferences and evaluate accuracy of services and product claims found in advertisements and labels such as for toys, food, and sunscreen.
- We will examine properties of soils, including color and texture, capacity to retain water, and ability to support the growth of plants.
- We will observe and identify slow changes to Earth's surface caused by weathering, erosion, and deposition from water, wind, and ice.

Social Studies

- We will analyze the causes, major events, and effects of the Texas Revolution, including the Battle of the Alamo, the Texas Declaration of Independence, the Runaway Scrape, and the Battle of San Jacinto.
- We will identify the purposes and explain the importance of the Texas Declaration of Independence, the Texas Constitution, and other documents such as the Meusebach-Comanche Treaty.

You Need to Know!

- We have a school-wide WIG (Wildly Important Goal) for attendance. "All students will increase the campus attendance rate from 96.2% to 97% by June 2017." Help our school by minimizing student absences, tardies, and students leaving early.
- We study science careers in fourth grade. With career week coming, this is a great time to talk with your child about thinking ahead and planning for the future. This relates to Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind.
- We continue to integrate the 7 habits into our school days as we teach Leader in Me. Ask your child how he/she can use the habits at home!

Don't forget....

- Be sure to send notes/calls through the office if there is a change in transportation for your child. The office prefers you do this early in the day.
- It's finally turned cooler! Students might need jackets for recess.



Kid Friendly App

We strongly suggest adult supervision while children explore this, or any other, internet site.

Anagram Twist

Jumble and unscramble letters to make words!



Photo from iTunes

Important DATE!

Mark Your Calendar

- 2 Student Holiday
- 6 Spirit Sticks on sale
- 7 DSISD Wellness Fair
- 13 Principal/Parent Coffee
- 16 Student Holiday
- 23-27 Career Week
- 27 Career Dress-up Day

