



Dear Fourth Grade Families,

Here are some things to look forward to this month.

<p>Science and Social Studies</p>	<p>Mrs. Bruland has students learning about the body!</p> <p>In social studies we've started with Geography!</p>
<p>Reading and Writing</p>	<p>Students are reading fiction and non-fiction texts with a focus on what it takes to become a researcher. The most recent is a biography of Mary Anning, an early paleontologist.</p>
<p>Math</p>	<p>We are continuing to work through our new math curriculum, Bridges. It is full of learning and fun games! Our first unit was focused on Multiplication and Division. We have since started our second unit Multi-digit multiplication and early division.</p> <p>In addition, we have a secondary curriculum called Number Corner. Students work to gain number sense and computational fluency.</p>
<p>Caring School Community</p>	<p>We begin each day with a morning meeting focused on getting to know each other, getting along, and building community. Each week we will have a randomly selected <u>Spotlight Student</u>. When chosen, students will bring information home regarding how it works.</p>

Other important information:

<p>Birthdays</p>	<p>In fourth grade, we celebrate at the end of each month as a fourth grade family. If you'd like to send a treat, please check with your teacher to consider allergies, coordinating with others celebrating this month, and numbers of students (currently there are 42 students). We are aware of peanut and cinnamon allergies at this time.</p> <p>For October, we will celebrate Friday October 28th 2:00-2:30.</p>
<p>Meals</p>	<p>Everyone that chooses is provided breakfast and lunch at no charge. Students may bring their own if they'd like.</p>

Supplies	Please make sure that you have paid the \$30.00 to cover the cost of student materials. These have been selected by your teacher and ordered by the district. Everyday please just bring a backpack, the blue binder you were given on the first day, and water in a sealable.
Homework	<p>There will be different parts to keep track of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reading-Read 400 minutes a month, fill in, and have an adult initial the minutes read on the reading calendar. 2. Math: Students have/will be given pages to complete as an optional activity. These will let you know what we're working on in math or concepts that would be helpful to review. There's another set of optional practice sheets that will be sent home this week.
Blue Binders	Each day students should take home and bring back their blue binders. The reading calendar/planner will be stored there as well as a folder to take papers back and forth. The Braves folder will be used as it has in past years. One side will be for papers that should be taken out and left home. The other side includes papers that need to be completed and returned to school.
Holidays	<p>Halloween is scheduled on ½ day. We will be released at 11:35. That day we will practice some math to stay on track, and then celebrate with some halloween stations. This will take place toward the end of our day. If you are interested in joining your student for the celebration please contact your students' teacher directly.</p> <p>For costumes they may be worn this year with the following guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No blood or gore No full-face masks or makeup No prop weapons <p>Props that are part of the costume (ie: wings) should be detached, students need to be able to sit and work comfortably without their costume getting in the way of the student or their neighbors.</p>
Survey	Last week your student participated in a survey that all 3rd- 12th grade students took. If you have any questions about this survey please contact Andy Wheeler awheeler@lc.k12.wa.us

If you have any questions, please send us an email.

Cammy Alumbres calumbres@lc.k12.wa.us and Megan Funk mfunk@lc.k12.wa.us