



NEW HORIZONS
SCHOOL

4th Grade September Newsletter

Welcome to an exciting year in Fourth Grade! I'm thrilled to be your child's teacher and eager to dive into a year full of discovery and learning. We'll explore new subjects, engage in fun projects, and develop important skills together.

I'm looking forward to working with you to support your child's growth and success. If you have any questions or need anything, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Warmly,

Ms.Edmonson

Fourth Grade Teacher

What are 4th graders learning this month?

Literature

This month, we will explore various stories and examine how the characters' decisions shape the narrative. We will focus on key story elements, such as the inciting incident, the central conflict, and the resolution. Students will also learn how the setting, plot, and characters interconnect to convey the main theme of each story. Additionally, they will practice summarizing the stories to capture their essence and key details.

Throughout the month, students will engage in discussions, group activities, and creative exercises to deepen their understanding of these concepts and enhance their analytical skills. By connecting story elements and practicing summarization, they will gain valuable insights into narrative structure and storytelling techniques.

Language arts

This month, we will concentrate on constructing robust sentences by mastering subjects and predicates. We will start by identifying these key components in sentences from newspapers to see how they function in real-world writing. Additionally, we will work on revising sentences that are unclear or confusing, and we will engage in a fun game designed to enhance sentence strength and clarity. By focusing on these aspects, students will develop a solid grasp of sentence structure and improve their overall writing skills, making their sentences clearer, stronger, and more impactful.

History

we will explore the medieval era, also known as the Middle Ages, starting with the fall of the Roman Empire. We will investigate how this pivotal event marked the transition from ancient to medieval times and examine the major changes and developments that followed during this transformative period. Through this exploration, students will gain a deeper understanding of how the end of the Roman Empire set the stage for the dynamic and transformative period of the Middle Ages.

Science

Students will explore the world of living organisms with a focus on understanding cell functions. They will investigate the roles of cells in both animals and plants, learn how to classify different cell types, and examine the processes involved in plant cell reproduction. By the end of this unit, students will have a thorough understanding of how cells function in both animals and plants, how to classify different types of cells, and the processes involved in plant cell reproduction. This knowledge will provide a solid foundation in biology and enhance their appreciation of the complexity and diversity of life.

Spanish

This month, students will focus on learning Spanish grammar. They will study indefinite articles, practice translating words and phrases, and apply these skills to enhance their understanding and use of the Spanish language. Through these activities, students will develop a deeper understanding of Spanish grammar and enhance their ability to use indefinite articles correctly while translating and interpreting words and phrases effectively.

Math

We will kick off our math unit by revisiting foundational skills such as counting, addition, subtraction, and multiplication. To enhance our learning, we'll use money as a practical tool for practicing these operations and for introducing the concept of negative numbers. Additionally, we will explore frequency tables and histograms to better understand how to organize and interpret data. Through these activities, students will not only reinforce their basic arithmetic skills but also develop their ability to apply math concepts in practical situations and interpret data effectively.

Journalism

We are excited to introduce a brand-new subject, "Journalism" as part of our curriculum this year. This course is designed to immerse students in the dynamic world of news and media, allowing them to connect with real-world events and issues. By engaging with current news stories, students will develop their ability to think critically and analytically, evaluating sources and understanding different perspectives. The Journalism course will also encourage them to enhance their research skills, learn effective communication techniques, and understand the ethical responsibilities of reporting. This hands-on approach aims to prepare students for the future by fostering a deeper awareness of global events and nurturing their role as informed, responsible citizens.



Computer Lab

We're excited to introduce computer science programming to our elementary students this month! They will start learning Terrapin Logo programming, which is designed to build strong logic and analytical thinking skills.

Students will eventually advance to learning more complex programming concepts, including writing procedures, using variables, and implementing recursion. They will also be introduced to formal typing in programming languages.

By mastering these concepts, students will develop a deeper understanding of programming and enhance their ability to write efficient, organized, and error-free code.



REMINDER

Friday Folder

Please remember to send the Friday packet back on Monday, after reviewing the contents.

**School is closed on Monday
September 2nd for Labor Day**