



News From Borlaug Fourth Grade

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Dear Family,

We are off to a great start this school year! It has been great to get to know my students better and share the fourth grade routines and expectations!

After this newsletter, I will post all current newsletters on my classroom web page. Please visit my page often to find out about the learning that is taking place in our classroom. Also, please remember to check and sign your child's planner every night. This is another important way to support your child's learning in fourth grade.

Curriculum Updates

Language Arts:

Our first story of the school year is an excerpt from Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo. We will use the story to review the basics of story structure and summarizing.

Please help your child study the spelling words that came home today. S/he will receive a spelling list on most Mondays and will be tested over a portion of the list on Fridays. Also, the first HRA reading log of the year was handed out today.

Math:

This week, we will start our first topic in enVision Math 2.0, "Place Value." All materials are contained in the student workbook, including homework sheets. The math concepts are explored in depth during the topic and assessed at the end of the topic. You should expect to see homework two or three times a week.

Addition, subtraction, and multiplication basic facts are important skills for your child to have mastered. These can be practiced periodically with simple flashcards or online computer games.

Dates to Remember

September 3: NO SCHOOL
(Labor Day)

September 4: PTO Meeting
(6:30 pm in library)

Book order distributed

September 13: Back to School Night
(Fourth grade- 6:30-7:15)

Science:

We have just gotten started on our first science unit of the year- *Soils, Rocks, and Landforms*. I always enjoy our science time because we are able to do hands-on activities to learn the important concepts of the unit. This allows the students to make discoveries as we go and connect with the science content discussed! Our first topic is soil and weathering.

Social Studies:

We will be learning about the regions of the United States by taking a "tour" of their landmarks and learning about the history of their residents. We will first learn about the various types of social scientists.

**See you at
Back to School Night!**

