

Dear Parents,

The year is almost through, but we are still learning! Encourage your child to keep up the hard work. Check Ms. Coleman's teacher page for updates on Religion, and Mrs. Reaka's teacher page for updates on Social Studies.

Reading

We are now reading in our sixth unit, "A Changing America." We will be exploring the beginnings of our country and becoming familiar with the settlement of the states while we track the progression of people from the East Coast to the West Coast over a period of time.

Students will be **required** to read at least **one** book from the month's genre focus. An informational, student-made **bookmark** about the book will be **due** at the **end of the month**. At the end of the year, students will have a bookmark for each genre that we have explored.

The genre focus for **April** is **Poetry**. The **bookmark** will be **due Monday, April 30**.

The genre focus for **May** is **Historical Fiction**. The **bookmark** will be **due Tuesday, May 22**.

Language Arts

Students are writing poetry this month. We are exploring various forms of poetry. Then, students will be doing a few writing projects to sum up their year as a fourth grader and convey their hopes and dreams for fifth grade and the years beyond.

Spelling

Spelling packets are always distributed on **Wednesday** and are **due** the **following Tuesday**. The vocabulary words that are attached to the spelling packet are bonus / extra credit words on that week's spelling test.

Math

We are working on fractions. We are naming, comparing, adding, and subtracting fractions. Also, please continue to review multiplication and division facts with your child to strengthen his or her speed and accuracy. There will be a **test** over **Chapter 13** on **Wednesday, Apr. 18**. We will round out the year with two chapters about decimals. There will be a **test** over **Chapter 14** on **Wednesday, May 2**. There will be a **test** over **Chapter 15** on **Monday, May 14**. You can help your child review in many ways:

- Try out a new or favorite recipe together that has a lot of measurements in fractions
- Discuss decimal amounts you find in newspapers, magazines, and on television
- Practice adding and subtracting decimals by letting your child balance your checkbook or pay the monthly bills
- Check out the book online at <http://www.macmillanmh.com/socialstudies/2003-5/student/level1.php?isbn=0021492654>

Science

We will continue to investigate Life Science and our world of living things through various readings and activities. We will be discussing how animals move, eat, and survive. Our **test** over **Chapter 4** will be **Tuesday, May 15**. The textbook and website are great resources for starting scientific discussions with your child. Check out the book online at <http://macmillanmh.com/science/2002/student/unitlist.php3?vGrade=4&vAlt=Fish>

Other

- Please check at home for any school library books and return them by the last week of school. Contact the library for a list of books that your child may have. Also, check for classroom library books and return them if they have been borrowed.

- Book Orders are due Wednesday, May 9 and can be ordered online with a credit card! This is the last book order of the year. Follow this link: www.scholastic.com/parentordering

Class User Name: Presentation
Password: Panthers

- Don't forget to check out Lumens for the most up-to-date information about our class.
-Please call or e-mail if you have questions or concerns
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