

Fourth Grade Gazette

Tuesday, September 6, 2011

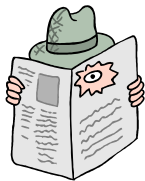
Welcome Everyone!



WE'RE OFF AND RUNNING!

Welcome! We are so pleased to have everyone back to school for an exciting year. We have a fun and educational year planned. We are jumping right in with a session with Peter McCreedy, our environmental education teacher, on Wednesday and Back to School Night on Thursday. We look forward to seeing everyone.

Please note that Mrs. Logan and Mrs. Neumann have direct phone numbers listed at the bottom of each Fourth Grade Gazette. These numbers will ring directly at our desks rather than going through the office. Do not hesitate to call with any questions or concerns, before or after school times work best.



Newsletters

In an effort to save money on paper and copying costs, we would like to send out as few paper copies of the Fourth Grade Gazette as possible. Every week the Gazette will be posted on our web page, which can be accessed at <http://chatfieldschool.org>, then click on Chatfield Classrooms, Fourth Grade, Newsletters.

If you do not have access to a computer please let us know, and we will provide you with a paper copy of our newsletter.

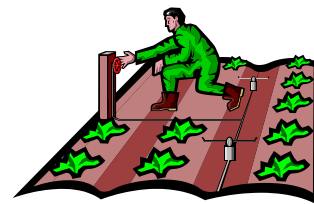
SPELLING TESTS

Spelling tests will be given on Fridays. All students will take a spelling pre-test on Monday. Students who have a 90% or higher, will not have to take the test on Friday.

New spelling lists will go home on Friday in Homework Folders. A copy of the list will also be on website or on the back of the weekly Fourth Grade Gazette that is posted and/or goes home on Mondays.

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Please join us for our Meet the Teacher, Back to School Night on Thursday, September 8th at 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. There will be a short presentation by the teachers in the gym. Following you may want to tour our classrooms.



OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Fourth grade students will be going outside with Peter on Wednesday, September 7th. We will be working on the needs of living things, gardening, chickens, and economics.

Please watch the weather and dress appropriately.

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Happy Birthday!

Olivia M. Sept. 4



SPECIALS

Please note our days for specials on your calendar. Students will need to wear gym shoes and gym clothes on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Monday	Music Library
Tuesday	Spanish PE
Wednesday	Art
Thursday	Spanish PE
Friday	Music

Reminders:

- **School Release at 2:30 on Fridays**
- **Wed., Sept. 7 Outdoors w/Peter**
- **Back to School-Meet the Teacher Night, Thurs., Sept. 8, 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.**
- **School Pictures - Tues., Sept. 13**
- **Remember to send in your**
 - classroom supplies,
 - emergency card,

- volunteer sheet,
- transportation form, and the
- Skylark book and project
- Reading book to keep at school

• **Constitution Day Celebration-**

Mon. Sept. 19

• **Grandparents Garden Tour - Thurs.,**

Sept. 29, 6:00-7:30 p.m.



Reading

Reading in Class - Each student needs to keep a book or two in his or her nook for reading. We will not be going to the library this week, but your child may want a book from home. Please help your child choose a book that is interesting to them and at their reading level.

Reading at Home - Attached is September's Reading Calendar. Please record the amount of time your child reads each day, and then total it all up at the end of the month. The goal is 400 minutes per month. Twenty minutes per day, 5 days a week is a good way to reach the goal. Students will be encouraged to take AR tests on their books during the month.



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Birthdays

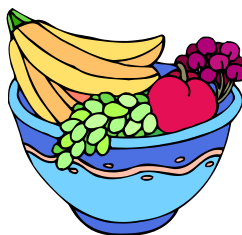
The health and diet of our children has been the topic of many recent media offerings and conversations. Children with food allergies are another consideration. With this in mind, this year we would like to try a new plan for birthday celebrations. Rather than sending in a sweet treat. Students will be able to choose from a menu of special activities; such as extra SSR time, game, or walk with the class.

We know birthdays are special and we will still be acknowledging this with a special card, homework pass, and sticker from the class.



Snack Time

Healthy eating habits are important. We would like students to be able to have a small snack during the morning hours. During our morning outdoor brain-break, students may take something healthy out of their lunch to have before playing. It must be a healthy snack to be approved for this snack time, and something easily eaten without utensils. A list of possible snack choices follows.



Healthy Snacks

Vegetables

Fruit

Cereal

Cheese

Crackers

Meat sticks

Rice cakes

Hummus

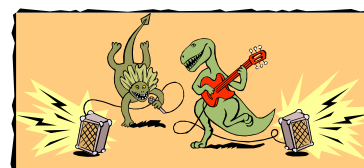
Pretzels

Granola

Raisins

Bagels

If you have some other healthy suggestions please call or send in a note and we will add items to our list. Thank you for helping us in our quest to become healthier eaters.



Volunteers

Volunteers for semi-regular reading helpers on Tuesdays or Thursdays before students are dismissed, about 2:45 are wanted. We would appreciate some parent volunteers to listen to student readers.

Our Art teacher, Mrs. Fernandez would appreciate parent help during her classes.

Also, on the Volunteer Calendar you may sign up to help in a variety of capacities. You may want to help in the classroom, send in items, help as Homeroom parent, or help in specials. Please sign up on the attached sheet.



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