



4th Grade Happenings

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Responsibilities:

- * **Current Events:**
Allison, Taylor
- * **Literature Chart:**
None

Due Dates:

- * **March 6:** War Report due
- * **March 6:** Peace Monument due
- * **March 7:** Sadako Literature Circle Packet due

Look for project assignment sheets on the school's website.

Reminders:

- * There will be an Italian hot lunch on Thursday, February 28. Bring in \$5 if you are interested.
- * The Akiva Book Fair will take place February 25-29.
- * Read Across America will take place March 3.
- * The Shabbat Shalom Shabbaton will take place March 7-8. Please return your permission slips ASAP, so we can get exact counts!

Poetry Galore!

Thank You:

Last week, I sent out an appeal for help on several projects the 4th grade is working on, and I got an overwhelming response from the parents. So, I just wanted to take a moment to thank all of you for your help or offers to help, particularly Jo Ann Greenberg, who had the 4th Grade Poetry Anthologies copied and bound within 48 hours of my initial request.

Language Arts:

This week, students will be writing a variety of poems about war and peace. On Monday, they will review their parts of speech by writing parts of speech poems. On Tuesday, they will write metaphors or similes for war and peace based on the five senses in addition to daimentes that transition from war to peace or the reverse. On Wednesday, students will write definition poems about war and peace in the morning and peaceful haikus in the afternoon. On Thursday, students will learn about the poetic devices of hyperboles and onomatopoeia and write poems using each technique. Finally, on Friday, students will write quatrains and be-

gin revising their poems based on the feedback they received from me throughout the week. Students studying spelling will be learning about words that start with either the "qu" sound or the "squ" sound. For homework, students will need to complete Spelling Unit 16 or Wordly Wise Unit 16 for Friday. They will also need to complete a blue WOW word for Friday.

Literature:

This week, students will be working on their final project for *Number the Stars*: creating posters to promote a movie version of the book. More information is available about the project on the 4th grade website under assignment sheets/literature/ novels. Students will have plenty of time to work on their posters in class. However, whatever they don't complete in class, they will be expected to complete at home Thursday night.

Math:

This week in math, students will learn several ways to solve 2 digit by 2 digit multiplication problems. They will begin the

week, by estimating products, so that when they work on finding exact answers they are able to better catch silly mistakes. On Tuesday and Wednesday, students will learn how to use partial products to find their final answers and on Thursday and Friday they will learn how to use lattice multiplication for the same purpose. For homework, students will have study links on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Social Studies:

We will take a break from our regular social studies curriculum until after the Shabbaton. Until then, all the information students learn about war and peace will take its place.