



4th Grade Happenings

Mrs. Friedman

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August 20

Back in the Groove!

Responsibilities:

- * **Current Events:** Jordyn, Michelle
- * **Literature Chart:** None

Due Dates:

- * **September 3:** Short Stories Book Report due

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

Reminders:

- * Parent's Night is on Wednesday, August 29 from 6:30-8:30.
- * There will be no school on Monday, September 3, because of Labor Day.
- * School pictures will be on Thursday, September 6.

Language Arts:

This week, the fourth grade will be starting their first unit in Wordly Wise. Because the exercises in Wordly Wise are challenging, we will devote a significant amount of class time learning strategies to complete the exercises. The regular schedule for Wordly Wise homework will be as follows:

Monday: A,B

Tuesday: C,D

Wednesday: E

Thursday: Check E with partner & study for test

Please let me know if you feel your child is spending too much time on Wordly Wise exercises, so I can adapt the assignments accordingly. In addition to the Wordly Wise exercises, students will be expected to complete a Word of the Week sheet every week. The sheets will be due every Friday and will be used to help students work on identifying context clues and expanding their vocabularies.

Literature:

In literature, students will be taking two different

reading tests this week to help Mrs. Chapman and I assess what areas they need to work on in literature. The first test, DIBELS, was given to students last year and is designed to test students' fluency. The second test, QRI-4, is new this year and is designed to test students' comprehension. In addition to the testing, students will complete mini books on the definitions of the 6 elements of fiction. They will also complete a book report form on their summer reading and have extra time for DEAR. Students should start working keeping an Accelerated Reader journal starting Tuesday night.

Math:

In math, we will be learning about special kinds of polygons this week. On Monday, we will learn about equilateral and right triangles, and the rest of the week we will work on classifying different types of quadrangles with an emphasis on parallelograms. For homework, students will be expected to complete review sheets on Monday and Wednesday and study links on Tuesday

and Thursday.

Social Studies:

We will be finishing up our first social studies unit this week. On Monday, students will work in groups to study artifacts that each type of social scientist might be interested in studying. On Tuesday, they will complete one of four different social science projects and begin filling in a study guide. Students will be expected to complete their study guide at home Tuesday night, so that we can go over it as a class on Wednesday. Finally, on Thursday, we will have a test on Ch. 1.