



4th Grade Happenings

Mrs. Friedman

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Responsibilities:

- * **Current Events:**
None
- * **Literature Chart:**
None

Due Dates:

- * **April 17:** Mystery book Report due

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

Reminders:

- * Spirit Week will take place this week from 3/17 to 3/21/
- * Purim will be celebrated on Friday with a reading of the Megillah, a carnival, and the delivery of Shalach Manot to people in nursing homes.
- * There will be a hotdog lunch this Friday, 3/21 in honor of Purim. Please email Ashlee right away if you want your child to participate.
- * Sunday, March 30, from 5:00 to 7:00 will be the 1st Annual Spaghetti Dinner to raise money for the middle school trip.
- * The WRAP will take place April 8, 9.

After the Shabbaton . . .

Thank You:

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the parents who helped make the Shabbaton a success. A special thank you to Jo Ann Greenberg for the phenomenal and plentiful food we ate all Shabbat long.

Language Arts:

This week, students will take a break from writing and focus on improving their punctuation. We will read the book *Punctuation Take a Vacation* as a class and discuss why it is important to correctly punctuate our writing. Then, we will review punctuation rules as a class. Finally, students will spend some time practicing their punctuation with an online game called "Punctuation Paintball." Students studying spelling will be reviewing the last five units we learned: r controlled a's, more letters than sounds, silent consonants, qu and squ, and the j sound. For homework, students will need to complete Spelling Unit 18 or Wordly Wise Unit 18 for Friday. They will also need to complete a green WOW word for Friday.

Literature:

This week, students will be writing RAFTS as themselves to a sibling or cousin in the format of a note about the topic of running away from home. Before passing out the assignment, I gave students the disclaimer that I wanted them to think about running away from home, not only do it. The following week, we will start the funniest book we read this year, *From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*, which tells the story of a sister and brother who decide to run away to the Metropolitan museum of Art in New York. The only literature homework this week will be turning in AR journals next Monday.

Math:

Last week, we devoted out math time to the Shabbaton, so this week we will do what I originally planned to cover last week. At the beginning of the week we will practice reading big numbers and discuss their uses. Then, we will learn about the powers of ten. We will spend the remainder of the week

rounding and reporting large numbers. For homework, students will have study links on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Social Studies:

This week, we will begin our unit on the Midwest. First, we will take a look at a number of photographs of the regions and write paragraphs describing the place we would most like to visit. We will spend the next several days working on a geography challenge for the region. Finally, if we have time, we will begin our tour of the region. More about the places we will visit next week.