



# 4th Grade Happenings

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## Responsibilities:

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

## Due Dates:

- \* **March 31:** How Many Seconds Project due
- \* **April 17:** Mystery book Report due

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

## Reminders:

- \* Wednesday, March 26, is the next Denim Day.
- \* 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 Science Fair is on April 2 from 6:30 to 8:00.
- \* The WRAP will take place April 8, 9.
- \* We're back to 3:30 dismissals on Fridays.

## The Week Ahead

### Language Arts:

This week, students will continue to practice their punctuation. They will play Punctuation Paintball again on Monday and take a punctuation quiz on Tuesday. To prepare for the test, I suggest that students go to the Punctuation Paintball website, which I have listed on the 4th grade webpage under Useful Links. Students will also finish their RAFTS about running away from home by the end of the week. Students studying spelling will be learning how to spell words that end with "le." For homework, students will need to complete Spelling Unit 19 or Wordly Wise Unit 19 for Friday. They will also need to complete a purple WOW word for Friday.

### Literature:

This week, we'll be looking at a series of two-voice poems by Paul Fleishman. The poems are written in two voices and illustrate the perspectives of two different insects. Students will have time to look through all the poems independently. Then, they will work in partners to rehearse and perform the poems for the class. Towards

the end of the week, we will also be beginning our study of E.L. Konigsburg's *From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*. We will read the introductory letter at the beginning of the book and discuss its various implications. Then, we will go over the reading journal format for this novel, writing post-cards in the voices of the two main characters. Next week, we will begin reading the chapters of novel. For homework, students will need to design a cover for their literature journals Wednesday night. They will also have to turn in their AR journals on Monday as usual.

### Math:

This week we will spend Monday and Tuesday reading, reporting, and rounding large numbers. We will also discuss the benefits of rounding numbers as opposed to giving exact numbers. On Wednesday and Thursday, we will spend time reviewing for a Ch. Test on Friday. We will also begin working on the final project for the unit; finding out how many seconds there are in large periods of time. Dr. Berk will

be a guest teacher on Thursday and assist students with their calculations. For homework, students will be expected to complete study links on Monday and Tuesday and practice tests on Wednesday and Thursday.

### Social Studies:

This week, we will be taking a mock crop dust tour of the Midwest. Some of the places we will visit include the Soo Locks, Mount Rushmore, and Detroit, Michigan. We will also have three stops on our tour for which we will take a close look at the lives of cowboys, practice putting together Model T Fords, and design our own floor plan for a mall. For homework, students will be expected to complete Geography Challenge 8 at home on Monday night.