



# 4th Grade Happenings

Mrs. Friedman

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## The Week Ahead

### Responsibilities:

- \* **Current Events:** Rebekah, Isaac
- \* **Literature Chart:** None

### Due Dates:

- \* **September 4:** 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:

Last week, students learned why it is important to have conventions in writing. We all agreed that if everyone made up their own spelling and grammar rules, our writing would be very hard to read. This week, we are going to focus on the rules of capitalization. Students will learn rules together as a class, complete practice exercises individually, and peer edit each other's work. Students who have already demonstrated mastery of capitalization will use this time to write song lyrics about good presentation in writing. In addition, we will be completing our first formal writing prompt on Tuesday and Wednesday. For homework, students will have their regular-Wordly Wise homework (mentioned in last week's newsletter) and a green WOW word due Friday.

### Literature:

In literature, students will finish taking the two diagnostic tests discussed in last week's issue and begin their unit on short stories. They will be reading several animal stories

from Cynthia Rylant's book entitled *Every Living Thing*. After reading each story, students will create a mini book of the story using the six elements of literature. This week students will read "Slower Than the Rest" and complete the corresponding mini book. For homework, students will need to complete their AR Journal for Monday.

### Math:

In math, we will spend the earlier part of the week studying polygons. Students will begin their study by looking at some examples and counter examples of polygons and then writing their own definitions for this term. We will then study some different types of polygons and learn about the origin of prefixes such as "penta" and "deca." The rest of the week will be spent learning how to construct circles with a compass. For homework, students will be expected to complete a study link Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday and practice using a compass on Tuesday.

### Social Studies:

This week, we will start our next unit in social studies on landforms, maps and geography. Students will begin the unit by drawing a bird's eye view of their homes and then dividing their homes into regions that share similar characteristics. We will then spend the week learning about basic map skills such as how to use a compass rose and how to use lines of latitude and longitude to find a location on the global grid.