

# The Fourth Grade Newsletter

Apple Creek Elementary

Nov. 25 - Dec.6

## Language Arts

**Reading** – For the next two weeks, we will be working on figurative language. We will learn about similes, metaphors, personification, hyperboles, idioms, onomatopoeia, and alliteration. There will be a **figurative language test on Friday, Dec. 6.**

**Grammar**- For the next few weeks in grammar, we will be differentiating between homophones, homonyms, and homographs.

**Writing**- Students will work on writing in response to their reading and writing poems using figurative language.

**Spelling**- There will be no spelling the next few weeks.

## Science

In science this week, we will continue our Ecosystem Unit. We will be describing how ecosystems are based on interrelationships between biotic and abiotic factors. We will continue to describe how nature and humans can impact ecosystems. We will be describing the positives and negatives these changes have on ecosystems. We will be participating in Project Wild activities, which are hands-on activities that involve problem-solving and decision-making skills about the environment. **There will be a test over Ecosystems on Tuesday, November 26th.** We will begin our fossil unit after Thanksgiving Break.

## SOCIAL STUDIES

In Social Studies this week, we will continue our Historic Indian Unit. We will be identifying the cultural practices and products of the Historic Indians by creating mural projects in class. We will also be describing the impact of European settlements on the American Indians of Ohio. **There will be an open book/open note test over the historic Indians on Friday, December 6th.**

## Everyday Mathematics

### **Lessons 3.13 - 3.14**

Next week, we will conclude Unit 3. We will review addition, subtraction, quadrilaterals and triangles. **The Extended Response Assessment will be on Monday, November 25.** Students have been practicing writing about how they solve problems.

**The Unit 3 Test will be Tuesday, November 26.**

### **Lessons 4.1 - 4.2**

After break, we will begin Unit 4, "Multi-digit Multiplication." Your child should practice multiplication facts to mastery. Students will find a rule for solving multiplication problems involving multiples of ten. They will make reasonable estimates and determine if their answers make sense.

## Upcoming Events:

**Tuesday, Nov. 26-** Math Test Unit 3, Science- Ecosystems Test

**Thursday, Nov. 27-** Thankful Parties 2:30

**Nov. 28- Dec.2-** No School, Thanksgiving Break

**Thursday, Dec. 5-** Christmas Musical OARDC 7:00 (Kids arrive at 6:45)

**Friday, Dec. 6-** Figurative Language Test, Social Studies- Historic Indian Test

**\*November Book It calendars require 300 minutes of reading by Wednesday, Nov.27. Please remember to sign when your child has read. This is for a grade.**
