

# The Fourth Grade Newsletter

Apple Creek Elementary

Dec. 16-20

## Language Arts

**Reading** – The essential question for the week is: “*How can words lead to change?*” Students will determine the author’s point of view this week. Vocabulary words are: *address, perish, divided, proclamation, haste, shattered, opposed, and tension*. There will be a quiz over author’s view point on Thursday, Dec. 19.

**Grammar**- Students will work on identifying and using past, present, and future tenses of linking verbs.

**Writing**- Students will work on writing in response to their reading.

**Spelling**- We will focus on plurals this week. The words are: *clams, dresses, hobbies, enemies, mistakes, mints, parents, engines, babies, supplies, props, caves, couches, ranches, mosses, arches, glasses, arrows, patches, and armies*.

\*Each 4<sup>th</sup> grade class will be reading Christmas/Winter books to a kindergarten or preschool class next week. Please make sure your child is practicing their book. Students will also read their book to the class as a read aloud for a fluency grade.

## Everyday Mathematics

### **Lessons 4.6 - 4.10**

Next week, students will review the partial products method of multiplication. They will practice the basic principles of multiplication with multi-digit numbers while playing the game, "Multiplication Wrestling." Students will create conversions tables using metric measurements of mass. They will change between grams, milligrams or kilograms. Students will also solve multi-step number stories involving money. Please continue to have your child study multiplication facts to mastery.

## **Science**

In Science this week, we will continue our Fossil Unit. We will be describing how fossils provide evidence that many plants and animal species are extinct or have changed over time. We will be identifying different types of fossils, and describing how they are formed. We will also be making model trace, amber, and mold and cast fossils.

## **SOCIAL STUDIES**

This week in Social Studies we will continue our American Revolution Unit. We will describe the land disputes involving the French, British, and Indians in Ohio, and how this led to the French and Indian War. We will then explain why the American colonists united to fight for independence from Great Britain and form a new nation. We will be explaining the taxes that the king placed on the colonists, and the Proclamation of 1763.

## Upcoming Events:

**Wednesday, Dec. 18-** Read to Preschool/Kindergarten Classes

**Thursday, Dec. 19-** Reading Quiz

**Friday, Dec. 20-** Book It calendar due, Bake Sale

\*December Book- It calendars require 240 minutes of reading by Friday, Dec. 20. Please remember to sign when your child has read. This is for a grade.

Quote of the Week –“Try to be a rainbow in someone else’s cloud.”- Maya Angelou
