

# The Fourth Grade Newsletter

Apple Creek Elementary

November 11-15

## Language Arts

### Reading-

Monday we will read a Reader's Theater. We will be starting Unit 3 on Tuesday. The essential question for the week is, "How can you make new friends feel welcome?" Vocabulary words are: *acquaintance, cautiously, complementary, jumble, logical, scornfully, scrounging, and trustworthy*. Students will be learning about determining the author's point of view. There will be no quiz this week.

### Grammar-

We will begin our unit on verbs. We will identify and use action verbs this week.

### Writing-

We will be writing holiday and winter cinquain poems.

**Spelling-** The pattern this week will be r-controlled vowels: er, ir, and ur. The words to focus on are: *herb, worse, shirt, curl, turkey, person, pearl, twirl, curve, turnip, sternly, dirty, swirl, curb, purpose, serpent, birth, purse, hurl, and blurred*.

***\*The Book-It calendar for November is due Wednesday, Nov. 27, (NOT the 29th as previously stated). 300 minutes should be read by that time. Please make sure your child is reading daily and sign beside their time.***

## 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.

## Social Studies

In Social Studies this week, we will continue our Prehistoric Indian Unit. We will be describing how various groups of people have lived in Ohio over time, and how interactions among different groups have resulted in both cooperation and conflict. We will be describing the Prehistoric Indians' culture by researching and creating a project in class. **A test over the Prehistoric Indians is tentatively set for Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**. We will then begin our Historic Indians of Ohio Unit.

## Everyday Mathematics

### **Lessons 3.6 - 3.9**

Next week, students will compare fractions in number stories. Then they will compare fractions by using like numerators and like denominators in order to list fractions from smallest to largest. Then they will use the benchmarks of 0, 1/2, and 1 to order fractions on a number line.

The relationship of fractions and decimals will be explored using fraction circles of 10ths and Base 10 blocks with 10ths and 100ths. We will review place value.

Finally, **there will be a quiz on Friday, November 15.**

## Upcoming Events

November 15<sup>th</sup>- Social Studies Test/Math Quiz

November 27<sup>th</sup>- Book-It Calendar Due

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