

The Fourth Grade Newsletter

Apple Creek Elementary

September 30-October 4

Language Arts

Reading

The essential question for the week is, "*How can starting a business help others?*"

Students will be determining main ideas and key details. The vocabulary words are: *compassionate, enterprise, exceptional, funds, innovative, process, routine, and undertaking*. **A reading quiz will be Thursday, Oct. 3.** This is the end of Unit 1 in our Wonders Series. There will be a **vocabulary test on Friday, Oct. 4.** A study guide has already been handed out to students.

Grammar- This week students will be learning to identify and correct run-on sentences. Since this is the end of Unit 1, there will be a **short grammar quiz on Friday, Oct. 4.** It will be over types of sentences, subjects/predicates, compound sentences, complex sentences, and correcting run-on sentences. There will be a review in class on Thursday.

Writing- Students will be writing personal narratives.

Spelling- We will be working on the long o spelling pattern this week. The words are: *bolt, flow, mole, sole, load, mold, mows, stone, stole, roasting, toll, lower, stove, goal, woe, shadow, blown, chose, groan, and quote.*

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 observe and record our observations and changes in our ecosystems. This week we will be adding a worm to the terrarium section.

Social Studies

In Social Studies this week, we will continue to construct timelines of significant events in Ohio and the United States. We will be constructing timelines with evenly spaced intervals, events in chronological order, and appropriate titles. We will be creating Birthday Timelines in class. Timelines will be used all year as we learn about Ohio's history. **The test over primary and secondary sources and timelines has been changed to Tuesday, October 1st.** Review sheets are in google classroom. A copy was also sent home on Friday, September 27th. We will then begin our Geography Unit. We will be using a map scale and cardinal and intermediate directions to describe the relative location of physical and human characteristics of Ohio and the United States. Map skills will be used throughout the year as we learn about Ohio's history.

Everyday Mathematics

Fizz and Martina

Next week, students will solve problems using the interactive computer program, *Fizz and Martina*, "Blue Falls Elementary." This program helps students to understand and apply important basic math concepts. The students will watch a short video. When math problems arise in the story, students work in teams to find solutions and articulate their strategies. This process builds the skills of problem solving, mathematical communication and teamwork.

We will return to *Everyday Mathematics* on October 7.

Upcoming Events

October 1st- Social Studies Test
October 2nd- Sign up for conferences online
myconferencetime.com/applecreek
October 3rd- Reading Quiz
October 4th- Vocabulary Test/ Grammar Quiz

**In October, we start the Book-It Pizza Program. Each month the students will be given a reading goal and a calendar. PLEASE help your child by designating a daily reading time and spot. You can even read with them. You need to initial every day that they have read and sign the calendar at the bottom. The calendars will be due Friday, Nov.1. THIS IS FOR A READING GRADE!*