

# The Fourth Grade Newsletter

Apple Creek Elementary

December 9 - 13, 2019

## Language Arts

**Reading** The essential question for the week is "How can one person make a difference?" Students will be determining author's viewpoint. Vocabulary words are: boycott, encouragement, fulfill, injustice, mistreated, protest, qualified, and registered. **There will be a selection quiz on Thursday, Dec. 12 over the main story of the week.**

**Grammar** - Students will be able to identify and use main verbs and helping verbs..

**Spelling** - Students will learn about soft c and soft g sounding patterns. The words are: center, circus, ounce, badge, wedge, once, cement, glance, strange, arrange, scene, police, germs, orange, sponge, spice, certain, bridge, ginger, and village.

**Writing** We will continue working on our "Important" poems. Students will be using a lot of description and figurative language in these poems and will follow a pattern.

## Science

In Science this week, we will begin 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 also be identifying different types of fossils, and describing how they are formed.

## Social Studies

This week in Social Studies we will begin 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.

## Everyday Mathematics

### **Lessons 4.3 -4.5**

Next week, students will learn methods of multi-digit multiplication. They will be solving multiplication problems using the partitioning rectangles method. This is a very student friendly way for children to learn multiplication. Then students will convert metric units of liquid measure using milliliters, liters, and kiloliters. Our extended response problem in this unit will be to determine if 1 Million dollars will fit in a large box. Finally, students will learn the partial products method of multiplication.

**Please do not teach your child the U.S. Traditional method of multiplication. This method is a 5<sup>th</sup> grade standard. We will not be using it this year. Please refer to the SRB when helping your child and continue to have them study multiplication facts.**

## Dates to Remember:

**Thurs. December 12** -Reading quiz

Children will attend Santa's Secret Workshop during Library time Dec. 11 - Dec. 13. **Please send money with your child on the day he/she will be shopping.**

**Our holiday break will be Monday, December 23 through Friday, January 3.**

Quote of the Week - There are 3 C's in life: choice, chance, and change. You must make the choice to take the chance if you want anything in life to change. ~ Unknown