

Fourth Grade News April 14, 2017

Classroom News

All information has been sent out about the Oregon Trail overnight trip. Please let me know if you have any questions. If you have not sent in a baby jar yet, please do so by next Wednesday. I appreciate all your help in collecting those!

Medication for the Oregon Trail: if your child takes medication of any kind, including an inhaler and/or allergy medication, you need to give it to me in a clear plastic bag/Ziploc with your child's name on the outside of the bag. This includes allergy medication that you would like to send "just in case." Please make sure dosage and frequency directions are also present inside the bag and/or on the medication container. Any medication needs to be given to me before loading the bus and should not be packed in your child's belongings.

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

Next week we will begin chapter 14 on respect. We will identify the importance of respecting one another and what to do when people do hurtful things towards us. We will also have a leadership and kindness assembly and be celebrating "Cool to Be Kind" day in our family groups on Tuesday.

Reading

Next week we will continue our small group novels. Students will utilize Google Classroom to respond to reflection questions based upon their reading. Students will work together in groups to discuss story elements, analyze characters, and identify themes.

Writing

Next week we will continue our opinion writing unit. In grammar, we will begin unit 5, which focuses on pronouns. The students will begin identifying subject pronouns in sentences. In spelling, we will identify singular and plural noun forms and review that homophones are words that sound the same but have different spellings and meanings.

Math

Next week we will identify improper fractions and mixed numbers and understand how to form each type. We will also begin modeling the addition and subtraction of mixed numbers.

Social Studies

Next week we will continue our Oregon Trail chapter on moving west. We will learn about the trail west, what the expression "seeing the elephant" means, and learn what life was like once they reached Oregon. We will then get to put all our Oregon knowledge to use as we embark on our Oregon Trail overnight trip! The students will learn how to

make butter, make toys and necessary items the pioneers took with them on the trail, husk corn, wash clothes, and so many more fun activities. I look forward to the adventures that await us.

School News

Family Groups

On Tuesday, April 18th, we will celebrate "Cool to Be Kind Day" in family groups. The students will be challenged to do kind things for those they may not normally spend time with. Students may **wear a shirt in their family group color** with the uniform bottoms. We will begin the day with an assembly in the gym and gather again in the afternoon for family group activities.

Upcoming Events

- Monday, April 17th – Covered wagon due in class
- Tuesday, April 18th – Cool to Be Kind Day with family groups
- Thursday, April 20th – 21st – Oregon Trail Overnight
- Friday, April 21st – Dodge ball tournament