# 4th Grade News

### **Highlights of the Week**

### See you at parent teacher conferences tomorrow! Reminder: No school on Friday. (Veterans Day)

#### Math

This short week we have worked on finding factors, factor pairs, prime and composite numbers and multiples! Lot's of great work!!

#### **Science**

We have been busy finishing a lesson about the brain and how it controls the body. The students seem very interested in this topic!!

A big shout out to Kara Williams! She purchased an ice cream maker so our class can make ice cream! We will be using it very soon!!!!! (I just need to buy the rock salt!) Students are very excited about this!

#### **ELA**

Students spent time this week taking some fall spelling and writing assessments. They tested their spelling knowledge and had to complete a short piece of independent writing. We'll use these assessments to guide our learning and reflect on our growth so far this year.

#### **Global Studies**

Students are chugging along in developing their research and notetaking skills, focusing right now on the Northeast Region of the US. We learned about different symbols and abbreviations that can be used as shorthand in note taking, which students put to use as they read more about the Northeast, annotated their text by underlining, and paraphrased the main ideas and supporting details in their notes. They will soon be ready to select another region of the US and conduct some independent research!

#### **Conversation Starters**

- What is a factor? (a single number in a multiplication expression)
- What is a factor pair? (a pair of numbers that multiply to a given number)
- What is a multiple? (a count by number)
- What is a prime number? (a number that has only 2 factors, 1 and itself.)
- What is a composite number? (a number that has 3 or more factors)
- Can you show me some different abbreviations and symbols you can use as shorthand in your notes? (for example: what does w/ mean? What about w/o? Or b/c?)
- What is a new fact you learned about the Northeast region this week?
- How did your spelling and writing check ins this week feel?
- What happened with Omakayas, Pinch, the hatchet, and the mud pit in *The Game of Silence* this week? How would you have reacted if you were in Omakayas's position?

### **Photos**



## This is what our 4th grade wolves like to do at snack time!