4th Grade Weekly News

October 5th, 2026

Titans take ownership of and find joy in learning.

This is the third line of the Titan's creed. Our upcoming Medieval Day on Friday, 10/30 is a great example of finding joy in learning. Students will experience life in a monastery, build catapults to defend their castle, visit Sherwood Forest, partake in a feast, and barter for goods in the marketplace. They even get to dress up for this special day! **All costumes should be characteristic of the Middle Ages.** Think princes or princesses, Robin Hood, monks, or even a knight in shining armor! Please note, also, that school rules prohibit make-up and toy weapons. **On October 1st, you should have received an email containing a sign-up link. If you are able, please consider volunteering and/or donating food items or paper products. Thanks in advance!**

Upcoming Field Trips

In preparation for our upcoming Colorado history unit, we will be visiting the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum downtown. Brunk/Rogers classes will attend on Tuesday, Oct. 20th and Schell/Bogdanov classes will attend on Wednesday, Oct 21st. Buses will leave TCA at 10 am and return to school by 1 pm. All students will need a lunch from home that day, as we will miss lunchroom service hours. Packing a bigger-than-usual morning snack is encouraged, too, due to the late lunch. Permission slips were sent home on the 2nd. Please watch for an email from your teacher regarding parent chaperones. Each class is allowed three chaperones, but venue limits restrict us from having any additional siblings or parents join us there.

Curriculum

Spelling – Due to the short school week, there will be no spelling test.

Math –Coming up: multiplying by a two-digit number. Timed fact tests are given on the same day as chapter tests.

Writing—Once again we will summarize a narrative passage using a story sequence chart. We will scaffold this lesson (student input, teacher support) using a *Robin Hood* story as our source text. This lesson will continue the week after break.

Literature – In our reading of *The Big Wave*, we are learning to identify the author's use of personification. We continue with the adventures of *The Hobbit* during read-aloud.

Recitation –October's poem will be "Humanity" by Elma Stuckey. This will be an informal recitation due 10/29.

Grammar – We continue to practice the correct use of the homophones to/two/too and who/which clauses in our writing.

History – What famous battle is depicted in the Bayeux Tapestry? Ask your fourth grader!

Science – Upcoming lessons will focus on sound waves.

"Books are bees which carry the quickening pollen from one mind to another."
~ James Russell Lowell

Important Dates

Thursday, 10/8 &

Friday, 10/9

parent/teacher conferences

(NO SCHOOL)

10/12—10/16

fall break for students

Tuesday, 10/20
Brunk/Rogers field trip to Pioneer Museum

Wednesday, 10/21

Bogdanov/Schell field trip to Pioneer Museum

Friday, 10/30

Medieval Day

Character Focus: TEAMWORK

Parents, we want to partner with you in your child's education and best interests. We always look forward to meeting with each of you in early October. If you have not yet signed up for parent/teacher conference, please reach out!