Hello families!

Thanks for taking the time to come in and talk about your child. We're proud of our fourth graders and the progress they're making! If you have concerns about your child as the school year progresses, please be sure to let one of us know. Enjoy this little break. We hope you get to have some fall fun with your family! Read on to learn what your child has been up to this week.

Picture Day - Our fall picture day is Friday, 10/16. Your child brought home an order form with details. If you're interested in buying pictures, please fill out the form and send it back to school or place your order online.

Math With Mrs. Favorite - We continued Unit 2 - Numbers and Operations in Base Ten: Place Value, Addition, and Subtraction. We focused on subtracting numbers up to 6-digits, both with and without regrouping. Vocabulary words included standard algorithm, place value, and regrouping.

In Spring Math, our fluency program, Ms. Schaefer's class passed the skill of subtracting within 0-9 and will move on to subtracting 3-digit numbers next week. Mrs. Favorite's and Mrs. Willman's classes will continue to work on subtracting within 0-9.

ELA With Ms. Willman - Next week we will wrap up the final lessons in the Middle Ages unit. Students will write a persuasive paragraph about what type of person they think they would be if they lived in the middle ages (serf, knight, craftsman, monk or nun). They will also take the end of unit assessment on either Friday or early next week. There are 15 spelling words this week that focus on words with the prefix non-, en-, and un-. Homework will focus on practicing these words in preparation for Friday's quiz. The words are: **nonverbal, nonfiction, unrest, enclose, unusual, ensure, unable, enjoy, nonissue, nonstop, unlikely, unsettle, unsuccessful, nonsense, entrust.**

The spelling words that students are given are from the 4th grade Amplify CKLA curriculum. Many weeks we do not have spelling words. I will always let you know in the newsletter what the words are, if there will be a quiz on the following Friday. These words can be tricky for many students. I recommend helping your student practice by chunking the words into syllables, rather than sounding out each phoneme in isolation.

I will be sending home information about the school spelling bee this week. I will send a packet of words to practice with any student who may want to participate. The 4th grade qualifying round is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4 during lunch/recess. The top 6 spellers will move on to the school-wide spelling bee.

Science/Social Studies With Ms. Schaefer - It has been a busy and productive week! Students worked hard to put the finishing touches on their New Mexico map projects. They have

put a lot of thought and effort into their maps, and it has been wonderful to see their projects come together.

We have also begun exploring forest ecosystems in Science. Students are learning about the different parts of an ecosystem and how plants, animals, and other living things depend on one another. We will continue building on these ideas as we learn more about ecosystems.

After a busy week of learning, everyone is excited about the long weekend! I hope you all enjoy some extra time to relax, have fun, and spend time together as a family. **Enjoy your long weekend!**

Veterans Day Concert - 11/10 - 1:45-2:30 - Our third and fourth graders are preparing a Veterans Day Concert! The performance for parents/guardians will be on November 10 at 1:45-2:30 in the gym. We hope you can come! Your child would love to see you in the audience!

Important Dates
10/12 - Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day - No school!
10/16 - Picture day!
10/17 - Halloween Carnival - 3:00-6:00 pm
11/3 - Election Day - No school!
11/10 - Veterans Day Concert - 1:45-2:30 in the gym
11/11 - Veterans Day - No school!
11/25-11/27 - Thanksgiving Break - No school!
12/21-1/4 - Winter Break - No school!

Happy fall break!

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