

Effingham Fourth Grade News

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Looking Ahead to Summer

Plans for a fifth grade orientation day have been changed. Dr. Peters and the ACCMS staff will be planning a meet and greet type session on the evening before your 5th grader's orientation day in August. All information for this event will be sent from the middle school.

The days are dwindling and soon the students days will be filled with summer ball, camp, catching fireflies and all the other activities that make summer enjoyable. I do have some suggestions though that will ease your child's entrance into 5th grade. Continue to set reading goals during the summer especially if this is an area in which your child struggles. Check out local libraries for fun summer programs that offer incentives for reading! Review your multiplication facts for a short period several times a week. It's a lot easier to maintain than relearn at the beginning of school. These tips will help your child get a great start next year!

Thank You Parents!

The fourth graders and I would like to thank the parents who attended the St. Jo field trip. It was a huge success and we all had a great time!

Also, we give a big thanks to our parents who helped with the Spring Fling Party. By helping at the party or sending supplies you created a memorable time for your fourth grade students. We appreciate you very much!!

Calendar Notes

Please note that the last day of school is May 23rd!!!!

May 5th, 7th, and 9th- MAP Testing

May 16th- Fun Day

May 23rd- Last Day of School Awards Celebration- 1:00

Curriculum Highlights

We have been studying various genres of literature during our guided reading time. Last week we read several folk tales from United States history. Stories like Pecos Bill, Paul Bunyan and Mike Fink kept us entertained as we continue our study of westward expansion. This week we have read modern day and classic fables. The students enjoyed reading some of Aesop's Fables like "The Tortoise and the Hare"

The students are learning about three dimensional figures, lines, line segments and rays as part of geometry. We are also working on comparing, ordering, adding and subtracting fractions. Learning about mixed numbers and improper fractions is a challenging section of fourth grade math.

We are continuing our Power Panther Pals study of nutrition and exercise. The students are learning how to make nutritious snacks and try items they normally don't eat. We have also become more aware of how much we need to keep moving to keep our bodies fit.