

November 9, 2018

Dear 4th Grade,

November is upon us and soon the weather will take that turn. We've witnessed a beautiful Autumn and now the darkness has set in. We prepare for what's to come, but Winter has her own special beauty and we await her arrival. The holiday season is just about to begin and our lives will get busy with preparations for family and friends. So let's enjoy the "lull before the storm" and take solace in these quiet, peaceful days...

It hasn't been all that quiet in our classroom. There has been a lot of excitement about our reading books. Sam is making a very *special* gift for his mother's birthday, but some of his choices are questionable. Allen's science project is certainly different, and has his parents and Miss Green pretty upset. Sam and Allen both are "thinking out of the box" and you remember what Allen's Grandfather said' "When you stop thinking, you're dead". We also read about Leah and her Pony during a difficult time for her and her family. Also we read how baseball saved a group of boys and their families during a very controversial period in our country's history. In **spelling** we identified consonant clusters and learned the rules for making words plural. For grammar we learned how to use singular and plural possessive nouns. Where does that apostrophe go again? We've composed some creative stories in our Journals for authors and using our time to learn how to do some research. We completed our unit in math on estimating and number theory, which means trying to know the difference between factors and multiples, or common factors and least common factors, or array models and area models, or... There was a lot to keep track of, especially when we had to count the heads and legs of chickens, cows, dogs, and kids! Also how many people can sit around a table anyway? So now you all are ready for **Math Boot Camp!** Our Weather Unit got really Wild and we are working on our Wild Weather Poster Boards. There has been some excellent research going on, just remember to cite your sources. And let's not forget about our "Activity Chairs" for Maker Monday and the Design Lab. We're on to Phase III! Will your Grape survive the *Great Grape Survival Test?*. We'll find out when we return to the woods for WWW in several weeks.

Have a wonderful long weekend. I look forward to seeing parents during Conference Week and having the opportunity to share all the terrific things we are doing in 4th Grade.

Weekend Project: Thank a Veteran

Sincerely,

P.S. All you skiers and riders check-out this great opportunity:  
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