

Fourth Grade's October News

Wow, how time flies as we are heading into October! As students are very excited about taking on more responsibilities in 4th grade, playing a musical instrument and/or participating in Student Council, please remind your child to complete his/her work when they are out of the classroom. We are publishing work on CANVAS this year, so students can access work whenever they are out of the classroom (ex: absence, music lessons). Students can also see their content teachers between 8:30-9 AM if they have further questions or need to complete an assignment.

In reading, we are continuing to select books to fill our reading bags and build our reading stamina daily. Students are developing a routine in logging their reading minutes and sharing books with classmates to spark interest and enthusiasm. We are focusing on retelling and visualizing scenes in our books this month, as good readers interpret and think deeply about the characters. Students will continue to identify story elements and character traits in the books they are reading and write in response to reading by sharing their thinking and including text evidence.

This month in writing, we are drafting scenes for our realistic fiction stories. Students will utilize a narrative checklist to evaluate and improve their writing. Keep an eye out for our creative authors writing their new fiction books!

In October, we are working on Topics 3 and 4 in math. Students will be multiplying one and two-digit numbers. Please continue to have your child review addition and subtraction facts, as well as multiplication facts. Students need to develop fact fluency, as we progress through our math units this year.

We are finishing our first social studies unit, Native Cultures. We have done a lot of research about different groups of Native Americans in Maryland.

This month we are transitioning to our first science unit. We will explore how the Earth was formed. Students will identify how the Earth's landscape has changed over time by investigating plate tectonics, the rock cycle, and the location of fossils in layers of rock. Students will explore the rock cycle, identify the three types of rocks, and learn about fossils. We will collect evidence and explain the history and formation of Earth's landscape.

As the weather gets cooler, we will continue to go outside when possible, so have your child keep a sweatshirt or jacket in their backpack. Also, **please continue to keep the Chromebooks charged each night.**

Our 4th graders will continue to show RFES Pride by being responsible, friendly, engaged, and safe every day.

Upcoming events:

Wednesday, October 11th: Wear orange for *Foxy FUNd Run* fundraiser

****** Please consider supporting the PTA's biggest fundraiser of the year. If you do not want your donation to be public, then submit it anonymously. Thank you to those who have already joined the PTA and made a donation. We greatly appreciate your ongoing support of RFE students and staff!

Monday, October 16th: 9:15-9:45 AM:

4th grade's *Learn with Me* (Please preregister and arrive early on the 16th)

Monday, October 30th Fall Harvest Celebration (students and room parents only)