

# The Fourth Grade Newsletter

Apple Creek Elementary

Sept. 2-6

## Language Arts

**Reading** – We will begin Week 2. The essential question of the week is, “How do your actions affect others?” The vocabulary words are: *accountable, advise, desperately, hesitated, humiliated, inspiration, self-esteem, and uncomfortably*. We will be working on identifying character, plot, setting, and problem/solution of stories. **The reading quiz over these concepts will be on Friday, Sept. 6.**

**Grammar**- This week in grammar students will differentiate between the subject and predicate of a sentence. We will take a short types of sentences quiz on Thursday. Sentence types are: declarative (statement), interrogative (question), imperative (command), and exclamatory (Showing strong emotion).

**Writing**- Students will be writing friendly letters to penpals from other schools in our district.

**Spelling**- This week, we will look at words that have the long a sound and inflectional endings. The words are: *major, rail, graze, break, clay, drain, cane, eight, stray, faint, slate, they, today, claim, ache, obey, bail, pale, steak, and face*.

## Everyday Mathematics

### **Lessons 1.7 and 1.9**

*Everyday Mathematics* is designed to complete in sequential order. However, given the difficulty students are expressing with addition and subtraction of multi-digit numbers, I have decided to teach U.S. customary addition and subtraction before word problems involving the skills. We will complete Lesson 1.6 and 1.8 the following week.

Tuesday, students will compete I-Ready math to assess their skills at the beginning of this year. It is used as a benchmark to determine the gains that they have made from now until spring.

## Science

In Science this week, we will be reviewing the tools and safety procedures used during simple investigations. We will be planning and conducting many investigations throughout the year and safety and proper use of tools are very important during these experiments. **There will be a test over tools and safety on Friday, September 6th.** Review sheets will be sent home prior to the test. The review sheets will also be posted in Student's Google Classroom. (Google Classroom is for students only. To access the review sheets your child will have to use their username and password to login.)

\* In a couple of weeks we will start our ecosystem unit. During this unit we will be building a terrarium and aquarium. To do this, we need 2 liter clear pop bottles. Please make sure the bottle is rinsed with ONLY water.

## SOCIAL STUDIES

This week in Social Studies, we will continue working on a mini project in class called "B is for Buckeye". This year we will be learning all about Ohio History. This project is to introduce students to some fun and interesting facts about Ohio, and get them excited to learn about history. We will also be identifying why we study history and different sources we use to learn about the past.

## Upcoming Events:

**Monday**- No School- Labor Day!

**Tuesday**- Math I-Ready Assessment

**Wednesday**- Reading I-Ready Assessment

**Thursday**- Grammar Quiz

**Friday**- Science Test- Tools and Safety, Reading Quiz
