

The Fourth Grade Newsletter

Apple Creek Elementary

March 9-13

Language Arts

Reading-

We have started Unit 5 now. The essential question for the week is, "*In what ways do people show they care about each other?*" This week we will work on determining character, setting, plot, and problem/solution. The vocabulary words are: *bouquet, emotion, encircle, express, fussy, portraits, sparkles, and whirl*. There will be a selection quiz on Wednesday, March 11.

Grammar-

This week students will be identifying and using adjectives, (describing words), in their writing.

Writing-

We will continue to work on writing 4 paragraphs, with a good introduction and conclusion, and using text evidence.

Spelling-

Words this week will focus on closed syllables. The words are: *blanket, blossom, dipper, distant, foggy, fossil, member, nodded, planner, plastic, rumbles, slender, summer, swallow, tablet, thriller, traffic, welcome, willow, and witness*.

***Please remember that March calendars are due April 1. 400 minutes should be read by this time.**

Science

This week in Science, we will continue our Earth's Surface Unit. We will be focusing on how Earth's surface can change slowly due to weathering, erosion, and deposition. We will be describing if each of these processes are constructive or destructive. We will participate in many hands-on activities to help us understand these concepts.

Social Studies

In Social Studies this week, we will begin our inventor unit. We will be identifying important inventions in communication, technology, and transportation that began in Ohio. We will also be explaining how technological innovations that originated in Ohio benefitted the United States.

Everyday Mathematics

Lessons 6.9 - 6.12

Next week, students will estimate angle size with a circle protractor made of paper. They will identify angles as acute, right, obtuse or reflex. Then we will practice measuring angles with a half-circle protractor. Students will add and subtract to find unknown angle measures and identify those as complementary or supplemental angles. Finally, we will add and subtract fraction and mixed numbers with like denominators in word problems.

vocabulary: acute, right, obtuse, straight and reflex angles. Complimentary angles, supplementary angles. protractor, degrees.

Upcoming Events

March 11th- Reading Quiz

March 13th- End of the third nine weeks (Report Cards are sent home the following Friday, March 20th.)