

September 02, 2016

Holmes Elementary Fourth Grade

4th Grade

## Fourth Grade Notes

### Upcoming Events:

Sept 5: No School  
(Labor Day)

Sept. 23: Interims go  
home.

Sept. 21-23 VIP  
Lunches

Sept. 28: Picture Day

Sept 26: No School  
for Students

### Things to Remember

**4th grade students often have difficulty organizing themselves. Here is how you can help:**

- 1. Empty the "Keep At Home" side of your child's folder each night.**
- 2. Designate an area at home for your child to keep his/her book bag.**
- 3. Set homework routines.**
- 4. Check your students agenda every night for important information about homework and upcoming dates.**

Have you been getting Class Dojo updates? If not, ask your child's home-room teacher how to sign up!

Don't forget to check Progress Book to see how your child is doing in each class. Letters have gone home with instruction about accessing your child's account. If you need help please contact your student's homeroom teacher.

Please make sure your child is completing his/her homework each day. There is math and language arts homework almost every Monday through Thursday evening. You can check your students' agenda for more information.

## Language Arts

**Activity Update:** We have just finished learning classroom procedures for independent learning time during literacy stations. We are about to begin our fictional story elements unit in reading and our narrative writing unit in writing.

**Absent Work:** If your child has been absent from school, please remind him/her to check with me to see what was missed.

### Upcoming I Can Statements (Learning Targets)

**Reading:** I can determine the theme of a story and provide evidence from the text to support my answer. I can summarize a story. I can describe a character using character traits and information from the text.

**Writing:** I can write a fictional narrative with a clear beginning, middle, and end using "SWBST". I can add dialog to my fictional narrative.

**Vocabulary:** I can define character traits, summarizing, setting and theme.

~ Ms. Conway

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## Math

**Activity Update:** Students have been working with large numbers so far this year. We are learning that each digit in a number has it's own VALUE. We have also been learning how to compare and round those large numbers. This month we will finish our place value chapter and move on to our next chapter, multiplication.

### I Can Statements (Learning Targets):

- I can find the value of a digit.
- I can compare numbers up to the hundred thousands place.
- I can round numbers up to the hundred thousands place.
- I can add and subtract numbers with up to 6 digits.

## Science and Social Studies

**Science Activity Update:** We have been introducing the Scientific Method and how a scientist thinks. We are beginning this week on working on experiments and following lab procedures. We will be doing the M&M lab at the end of the week!

### I Can Statements (Learning Targets)

- ...Observe and ask questions about the natural environment.
- ... plan and conduct simple investigations.
- ... communicate about observations, investigations and explanations.
- ...review and ask questions about the observations and explanations of others.

### Vocabulary:

Scientist, Science, Observation, Investigation, Hypothesis, Inference, Microscope, Pan balance, Spring scale, Data, Model ~Mr. Rapp

**Social Studies Activity Update:** Students have been working on learning about map scale and compass rose.

### I Can Statements (Learning Targets)

- ... explain what information is provided on a map scale.
- ... use a map scale to approximate distance between places.
- ... define and identify cardinal and intermediate directions.

**Vocabulary:** Map scale, compass rose, cardinal and intermediate directions, and relative and absolute location

~Mr. Elmeier