



Mrs. Simmons

Fourth Grade Math and Science News

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Academic News

In math we have started our last unit on graphing. Students took a survey and have been collecting data about their classmates. We then created some bar graphs and have been asking and answering questions about the data. We will continue to work on these concepts next week. Students will be taking the last assessment (Graphing and Data Analysis) for the school year next week Friday. Students will be taking an end-of-the-year math test on Monday, June 7 that consist of many of the math concepts taught this school year. This test is given as part of our school improvement process and will not be sent home to parents.

In science, students took their last test of the school year on living things and food chains/webs. Results will be available next week. We are currently finishing up this unit with a study about animal adaptations. I am happy to say that these two classes were taught all of the required fourth grade science standards this school year. They have really learned a lot!!!

Report cards will be coming home with students on the last day of school. Some scores on report cards may be shocking to some parents if they are used to their child having all mastery level scores (80% or higher). Many students had difficulty with the geometry, decimal, and fraction concepts taught this year in math. Do not be alarmed if your child has a lower score in these areas; these concepts are introduced in fourth grade, but are also taught and assessed in fifth grade.

Reproductive Health Lessons

This is a reminder that reproductive health lessons will be taught on Friday, June 4th and Monday, June 7th. Girls will be taught by either Mrs. Simmons or Mrs. Feuerstein and the boys will be taught by Mr. Smith (4th grade teacher) in different locations. In fourth grade, students only learn about their own gender. You may see your child come home with some information that you may want to discuss with your child; in fact, we encourage you to do so. Often times students will still have questions about what they have learned, but are afraid to ask in front of their peers. Please, let your child know that these body changes that they will be experiencing are normal and that they should be comfortable talking with you about them. These days are perfect opportunities for you to dialogue with your child about topics that may be uncomfortable for you to bring up. If you have any questions, please, contact us.

Thank you for helping to make this a very successful year for your child in fourth grade! I appreciate all you have done for your child and our class whether it be for parties, field trips, donating supplies, or helping with homework. I wish everyone a great summer and a successful 5th grade school year!

Important Dates

- May 31—No School—Memorial Day
- June 3—Field Day
- June 4—Reproductive Health lesson 2:30—3:30
- June 7—Reproductive Health lesson 2:30—3:30
- June 8—Awards Assembly at 9:15 a.m.
- June 8—Last day for students. Dismissal at 11:55 a.m.

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