

SOUTHBROOK ACADEMY



Fourth Grade December Newsletter



Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to meet with you for conferences. You are all wonderful, enthusiastic, and caring parents! Your involvement with your child's academics is much appreciated and wonderful to see. The fourth graders are very lucky to have you! Thank you for taking time to meet with us.

We started our new novels this week, Freckle Juice by Judy Blume, The Library Card by Jerry Spinelli, and The BFG by Roald Dahl. All three of these books are interesting and will lead to great discussions. The students are very excited to be working in small groups! They made their predictions this week and we will soon be finding out if they were right! We will continue comprehension questions with these novels.

In math we are wrapping up Unit Three and will be having our assessment next week on Thursday, December 8th. They've worked very hard in this unit while learning about multiplication, division, true and false number sentences, open sentences, parentheses, and variables! We certainly covered a lot! After the assessment we will begin working on Unit Four, which includes decimal place value, comparing and ordering decimals, decimal addition and subtraction, and using metric units. Please remember to continue working on multiplication facts. This website is fun to use: <http://www.coolmath4kids.com/times-tables/Timernator-multiplication.html>

We're currently wrapping up our unit on Geography in Social Studies. We've learned about the themes of geography and features on a map. The

students have created a class "Geography Terms Booklet." They were very creative! They will also be "Packing Their Bags" to go on a trip to a certain region in the world.

In writing we are working on adding descriptive words, searching for "better" word choices by using a thesaurus, and adding more details to our everyday writing. Soon we will start the prewriting process of our "Bare Books." This will be a long process of writing our very own books. At the end, the students will have a hard cover book to keep forever! In Grammar we are wrapping up the unit on nouns, and next we will be starting the unit on verbs. We will look at action verbs, main verbs and helping verbs, subject-verb agreement, present and past tense, and irregular verbs.

The cold weather has arrived! Please make sure your child has a coat in order to go out for recess. It is also helpful to have your child's name inside coats, sweaters, hats, etc. to help prevent confusion or losses. Thank you for your help in this matter.

As always please e-mail or send a note if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for all your help at home!

Sincerely,

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IMPORTANT DATES:

December 7th- Half-Day: Professional Development

December 12th-Holiday Shoppe

December 23rd-January 2nd NO SCHOOL: Winter Break! (*ENJOY!!*)