

# Mr. Morehouse's Classroom News

## What We Are Up to

Happy Friday everyone. I hope everyone had a great week and has awesome plans to enjoy this beautiful weekend. We have adjusted well to our new routines and are already showing growth in the classroom.

As you start your weekend, here is a sneak peek at what has been going on in the classroom.

**Math-** We have been working on adding and subtracting multi-digit numbers. The focus with adding and subtracting has been on making new groups and ungrouping.

**Reading-** We are continuing to build a reading life. Our focus this week has been getting their reading levels and understanding how to think about the text while reading.

**Writing-** We are in the middle of our narrative unit. Students are working on mapping out their writing and understanding how to write a quality lead to their story.

**Science-** We have wrapped up our first chapter in life science. We are testing at the beginning of the next week. This first whole chapter has been about plants.

## Upcoming Field Trip

On Thursday, October 19 we will be heading to Hoffmaster State Park, to the Gillette Nature Center. While we are there, we will be focusing in on ecosystems and sand dunes. More information will be coming home soon.

## Fundraiser Info.

Our first fundraiser is starting to come to a close. We need all forms this Friday so we can get the products ordered. It should take about 3 weeks for the product to come in. Please make sure your child has their form turned in by this Friday. We do not need the money until you deliver the product to the individuals you sold to.

## Cooperative Learning

This summer I was able to attend fantastic professional development sessions on cooperative learning. I came away very impressed with the amount of engagement the students will be in and the growth the students will get, from cooperatively learning with their classmates. So 4th grade, is using many of the strategies we learned at this training in our classroom this year. So far the students love it and I am seeing more engagement and focus then I have seen in the past. Please contact me if you would like more information about this.

## Weekly Specials

This year our specials schedule will be the same each week. Each special will go for 50 minutes.

Monday- Art

Tuesday- P.E.

Thursday- STEM

Friday- Music

I hope everyone has a great weekend!

Go Trojans!

Mr. Morehouse