Ms. Evans, Grade 4 August 28, 2014

**Spelling Words:**

Spelling starts 9/8/14

**Week at a Glance:**

**Circle:** We are working on ignoring behavior from students who are making poor choices. One strategy we learned was:

P- play it cool

Z- zip the lip

W- walk away

T- tell a teacher (secretly)

**Writing:** We are working on writing sentences that include a capital letter, subject, verb, and ending punctuation. The students gave me writing samples today so I can get an idea of where we start from so I can look for growth this year.

**Reading:** We are working on identifying genres as fiction or non-fiction. We also learned a vocabulary strategy called context clues. The students look at the words around an unknown word to try to figure out what it means. This upcoming week is our last week on “Smart Start” before we move on to the regular reading program. Please expect an increase in homework starting September 8th.

**Math**: We are working on our math facts through Rocket Math. All students practice math facts daily and take a one minute timed test. The tests are differentiated to the child’s level so some students are practicing addition while others have moved on to multiplication. In addition, we are beginning to work on place value as our first unit of study.

**Trans-disciplinary:** We are researching wolves and are specifically interested in how they communicate. Please feel free to have your child research at home and bring in any knowledge they acquire into class to share.

**PBIS:**

We are continuing to work on building up our

Classroom community!

**Homework:**

Homework starts 9/8/14. Last week to be homework free!

**Important Dates:**

August 29- No School

September 1- No School

September 9- PTO Meeting @6pm

September 29- Success Ceremony @2:05pm

October 3- No School

October 20- Home Lake field trip

October 14- PTO Meeting @6pm

October 23 and 24- Meals for Teachers during PT conf.

October 23- No School

October 24- No School

October 30- Success Ceremony @2:05pm

**A Note from Ms. Evans:**

We made huge advances in behavior this week and students are doing a great job of ignoring negative behavior and doing what they need to do! One thing we need to continue to work on is not regarding bringing money to school. When students bring money to school, it causes disruptions in the classroom as 4th graders with money tend to like to pull it out and wave it around for everyone to see. We have had an instance of someone’s money being stolen and I don’t want that to happen again. Please have your child keep their money at home. Thanks ☺

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