



Class Notes

From Mr. Johnston

Hello 4th Grade Families!

This week we started:

- * Leveled Reading Instruction groups - A majority of my homeroom students move to other classrooms. Please ask your child the name of their reading teacher.
- * Math Instruction - The majority of my homeroom students stay with me.
- * Science - Astronomy - the study of our solar system and concepts related to it. Do you know how to spot some of the planets in the sky at night?
- * Social Studies - "America the Beautiful" - we begin our study of the regions of the United States. Our first region will include the states of the northeast.

One question that was recently asked was: Do you use volunteers in the classroom? I could use some "out of the classroom" help from one or two volunteers who could come in on an as needed basis to help with managing checklists and hanging projects and art work in the hallway. Please e-mail me if you are interested and we'll set something up.

What's the Scoop?

Book orders: Coming home today and due next Monday, September 28th. Checks made out to Scholastic Arrow - no cash.

Independent Reading at home: Set up a plan with your child that works for you and your family. I do not have any formal requirement. I will encourage students to participate in Fernbrook's 15 for 5 program that starts up next month. Students may read "AR" books and take the tests at your direction.

Nametags: We wear our nametags all day. Students were given a nametag the first day of school. Replacements cost \$1.00.

Tid-bits

- * Fernbrook Fun Run - Friday at 9:30 for 4th grade
- * Water bottles should be taken home each Friday for cleaning or recycling
- * Please return the yellow communication form and the blue parent signature portion of the Parent Packet
- * Nature lesson on Monday the 28th - Parents welcome
- * Conference information coming soon
- * Class population currently at 30 students

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