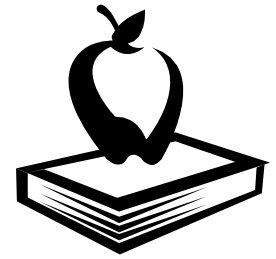


# Mr. Sawatzke's 4th Grade Class



October 2009

## What's New in the Classroom

### Message from Mr. S:

Wow, that was a quick first month! We are back in the routine and lots of significant learning is taking place daily.

A fast reminder to all parents to be sure to be checking your sons and daughters planners for assignments and upcoming tests. If you find they are not writing in their planner be sure to contact me so we can be sure your child understands the importance of this learning tool.

Conferences are approaching quickly. Be sure to fill out the conference slip and return it by Wednesday the 7th so we can work out the best time to discuss your child's growth.

**Reading:** Leveled reading groups have been formed and students are walking to their reading groups for 1 hour everyday. During the leveled reading time students will be working on spelling, writing, grammar and various reading skills and strategies at their level. AR points are also determined by the students leveled reading teacher. They are based on the groups overall ability level. If you are unsure of your child's reading teacher please contact me and I will be happy to discuss it with you. Homeroom reading consists of the stories and vocabulary from the grade level Trophies book. Students will read the story for the week and take the weekly reading and vocabulary test at the end of the week. We will read the stories at school however students are expected to read them at home as well.

### Important Dates.....

Oct. 7 Eagle Celebration  
Oct. 8 PTA Meeting 7PM  
Oct. 9 No School -Workshop  
Oct. 15 No School - Release Day  
Oct. 16 No School - Release Day  
Oct. 20 Conferences  
Oct. 26 Conferences  
Oct. 28 Conferences  
Oct. 30 Fall Party - 3 PM  
Nov. 4 Eagle Celebration



Happy harvesting!

**FUN FACTS ABOUT MR.S**  
*I coach basketball at  
Osseo High School.  
Go Orioles!*

### **Social Studies /Science/ Health**

Mrs. Ewing is once again teaching science this year. Her first Unit is Weather and students are currently working on terms, concepts and experiments. Be sure to check your child's planner for assignments and test dates.