

# 4th Grade Family Newsletter

Mission: Elk Meadows Falcons are growing to be resilient, lifelong learners.

Golden Gate: "I will be in charge of my own happiness."

Date: Tuesday, January 3, 2023

# **Grade-Level Events**

- Welcome back to school! As the temperatures are now colder, please ensure you send your child to school with warm clothing (coats, hats, gloves, etc.)!
- No School on January 16th & 17th
- Field trip to Clark Planetarium on Monday, January 23
- FYI: We will begin teaching the Botvin Life Skills Training Lessons curriculum this Friday. There are 8 lessons total. Please watch for Parent letters covering each topic that will be taught. See the back of this newsletter for details on the first lesson about Self-Esteem.

## **Math**

**Focus:** In Unit 4, 4th graders begin learning about Algebra by working on equations, mathematical comparisons, and word problems.

## **Examples:**

# **Addition Comparison**

Angela is 14 years old. She is 4 years older than Damarcus. How old is Damarcus?

#### <u>Multiplication Comparison</u>

Shawn colored 5 pages in a coloring book. Anja colored 4 times as many pages as Shawn colored. How many pages did Anja color?

# **Language Arts**

**Focus:** I can summarize the text including the main idea or theme and use more than one supporting detail from the text.

**Example:** Because all 4th graders are reading 20-30 minutes at home each day, a great way to practice this skill is to ask your child to give a brief summary of what they read. (Even if they read before bed, asking them to summarize their reading the next morning will help develop their brain's ability to recall information.)

## **Science**

**Focus:** I can create a model that represents the flow of energy in an electric circuit in my home.

**Example:** Wires are hidden inside the walls of your home. We connect our electric lights and appliances to the electric power in the walls by plugging them into electric sockets. How do you think plugging a lamp into a socket completes a circuit to light the lamp? Draw a picture to show how you think it might work.

# **Social Studies**

**Focus:** Students will understand the relationship between the physical geography in Utah and human life.



**Example:** Utah has 3 unique geographical regions with different resources and landscapes that affect how we survive in the land.

Please watch this video to learn more about the 3 regions of Utah.

# Family Connection/Additional Information

★ Wear your falcon shirt on Fridays to show school spirit and to get a falcon ticket!

★ Please remember to initial reading minutes in your child's planner daily. Thank you!