



# 4th Grade Family Newsletter

January 2025

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

**Social Skill:** I feel statements

## 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.)!
- Field trip to Clark Planetarium on Thursday, January 23rd
- No School on January 20th & 21st
- We have begun teaching the Botvin Life Skills Training Lessons curriculum in class. There are 8 lessons total. Please watch for Parent letters covering each topic that will be taught.

## 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?

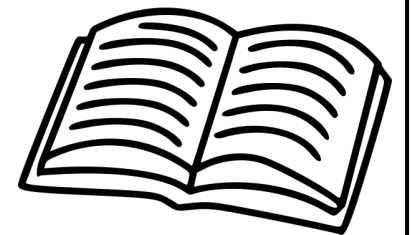
#### Multiplication Comparison

Shawn colored 5 pages in a coloring book. Brooke colored 4 times as many pages as Shawn colored. How many pages did Brooke 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

- **Student Planner:** Please check your student's planner each day for behavior and to record daily reading minutes completed at home. Parents/Guardian please initial minutes read in planners (20-30 minutes per day is strongly encouraged for 4th graders).