



# 4th Grade Family Newsletter

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

**Golden Gate:** I will smile at others.

**Date:** October 4, 2021

## Grade-Level Events

- Ask your child what they learned last Friday about **self-esteem**! Ms. Cole, our wonderful school psychologist, has begun teaching our 4th graders about mental and physical health and drug abuse prevention.

## Math

**Focus:** I can multiply two two-digit factors together using a strategy, such as an area model, partial products method, or shortcut method (standard algorithm).

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ 2 \\ 67 \\ \times 43 \\ \hline 201 \\ + 2,680 \\ \hline 2,881 \end{array}$$

**Example:** In the example to the left, we multiply  $67 \times 43$  using the "shortcut method," also known as the standard algorithm for multiplication. Two partial products are added together to find the final product, 2,881.

## Language Arts

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

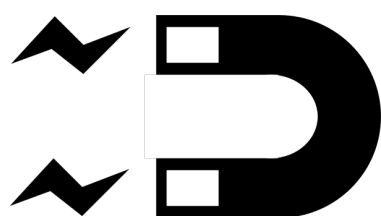
**Example:** Because all 4th graders are reading 20-30 minutes at home each day, a great way to practice this skill is to ask your child to give a brief summary of what they read. (Even if they read before bed, asking them to summarize their reading the next morning will help develop their brain's ability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



## Science

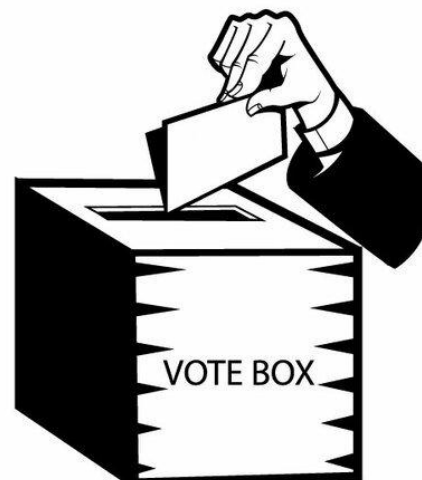
**Energy Unit - Focus:** I can draw conclusions and explain magnetic forces and fields through investigation and experimentation.

**Example:** Find out how magnets are used around the home. Some ways might be to hold kitchen cabinets closed, to keep a refrigerator door shut, or to stick things to the refrigerator door. Talk with your family about the magnets. Can you think of another way to use magnets around the house?



## Social Studies

**Focus:** I can understand and explain the roles of civic life, politics, and government in the lives of Utah citizens.



**Example:** As Election Day approaches, include your child in conversations about local elections. Discuss with your child what you feel makes a good citizen and a good elected leader. Discuss with your child why voting is an important civic duty of every citizen.

## Family Connection/Additional Information

- ★ Wear your falcon shirt on Fridays to show school spirit!
- ★ FALL BREAK: No School on October 18-22, 2021.