



4th Grade Family Newsletter

December 2025

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

Character Skill: Empathy - understanding and connecting to other people's feelings.

Events

- Middle of Year testing begins this month. Practice reading & retelling at home.
- 12/1 - 12/18 - Cereal Drive - please donate unopened cereal boxes for our food drive
- 12/10 - School Choir Family Performance at 6 PM in the gym
- 12/11 - School Orchestra Family Concert at 6 PM in the gym
- 12/18 - Holiday singing for parents from 9:15 - 10:45 AM in the gym (4th grade sings 5th in line)
- 12/19 - School-wide Pajama Day
- 12/22-1/2 - Winter Recess (December 22, 2025 - January 2, 2026).
- 1/5/26 - Students will return to school
- 1/14/26 - Upcoming field trip to the Clark Planetarium

Additional Information

- Winter is here: Please send your children to school with warm clothing (coats, gloves, hats)
- Student Planners: please initial reading minutes each day they read at home (20-30 min)

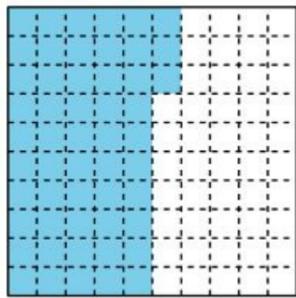
Math

Focus: I can understand decimal notation to the hundredths and compare decimal fractions with denominators of 10 and 100.

Example: Write a fraction and a decimal that represents the shaded part of the large square.

Fraction: $\frac{53}{100}$

Decimal: 0.53



Language Arts Focus:

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 explain and give examples of how a species adapts to their environment.

Example:

Antarctic fish have "antifreeze" proteins in their blood to tolerate cold water temperatures.

In class, we are analyzing mealworms and determining if they have successfully adapted to their environment in our classroom.



Social Studies

Focus: Utah's three major geographic areas and how they impacted colonization.

Example:

The three geographic areas are Rocky Mountains, Basin and Range Region and the Colorado Plateau. Students are discussing which areas offered the most resources for settlers.

