



4th Grade Family Newsletter

DECEMBER 2024

Mission: Elk Meadows Falcons are growing to be resilient, lifelong learners.
Social Skill: Dealing with Disappointment and Embarrassment

Grade-Level Events

- Middle of Year testing begins this month. Practice reading & retelling at home.
- Holiday Singing Performance for families December 19th, 9:15 - 10:45 AM in the gym, followed by classroom holiday parties in the afternoon.
- Winter Recess: December 23 - January 3.
- Students will return to school on Monday, January 6, 2025.
- Field trip to the Clark Planetarium coming up on January 23rd.

Math

Focus: I can find whole-number quotients and remainders with up to four-digit dividends and one-digit divisors.

Example:

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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.

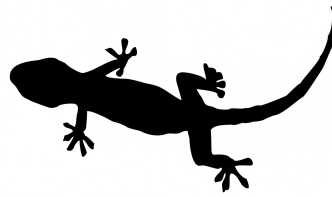
Example:

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.



Family Connection/Additional Information

- ★ Donate cereal boxes for the Utah Food Bank from now until Friday, December 13th for our annual cereal box dominoes!
- ★ Donate new hats and gloves to the front office for kids in need from now until December 13th.
 - ★ Please remember to initial reading minutes in your child's planner daily. Thank you!