



4th Grade Family Newsletter

September 2024

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

Grade-Level Events

- 9/17 - Constitution Day
- 9/20 - Wattsmart Presentation on Energy Conservation @ Elk Meadows
- 9/24 - Fall Picture Day
- 9/27 - Teacher Professional Development Day (Students DO NOT attend.)
- **Reminder:** If you'd like to chaperone any of the field trips this year, you **MUST** have an active fingerprint on file, or get your fingerprinting done at the district offices A.S.A.P. Thank you!

Math

Focus: I can fluently add and subtract multi-digit whole numbers using the standard algorithm.

Example:

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
$\begin{array}{r} 5,879 \\ + 6,754 \\ \hline 3 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 5,879 \\ + 6,754 \\ \hline 33 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 5,879 \\ + 6,754 \\ \hline 633 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 5,879 \\ + 6,754 \\ \hline 12,633 \end{array}$
$\begin{array}{r} 214 \\ 1,6\cancel{3}4 \\ - 158 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 12 \\ 5\cancel{2}14 \\ 1,6\cancel{3}4 \\ - 158 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 12 \\ 5\cancel{2}14 \\ 1,6\cancel{3}4 \\ - 158 \\ \hline 1,476 \end{array}$	

Language Arts

Introduction: Great Minds Wit & Wisdom is the new curriculum starting this year.

Focus: Essential Question - What does it mean to have a great heart, literally and figuratively?

Example:

Students will be reading & analyzing rich & varied texts to examine the differences between figurative & literal heart, then writing an informative essay to answer the essential question (above).

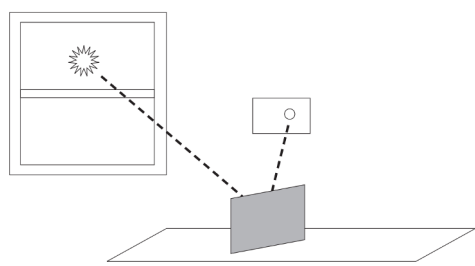


Science

Focus: I can explain how the Sun seems to move across the sky because Earth is turning on its axis.

Making Connections at Home Activity:

Find a window where light from the Sun shines in. Position a mirror to reflect sunlight onto a wall. Tape a piece of paper there. Mark the center of the reflection of the Sun. Wait 10 minutes and mark the center of the reflection again. Did the reflection move? Why?



Social Studies

Focus: Students will identify the state of Utah's three distinct regions (Colorado Plateau, Basin & Range, and Rocky Mountains) and determine the location of various places based on geography, unique climates, natural landforms, population, natural resources, plants and animals.

Example: Students will describe how the physical geography of Utah has both negative & positive consequences on our health and safety (for example, inversions, earthquakes, fire, recreation).



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).
- **Parent Square:** is the new district family communication platform. Please download the app to receive important district, school & classroom information.

