

Fourth Grade Post

Reminders!

- **Thursday, May 31st is OPEN HOUSE!** Open House will be from **6pm-7pm**. We can't wait for your child to show you all they've done this year.
- Thank you to the parents who chaperoned our field trip to **Ocean Beach!** The beach is cleaner and we enjoyed a beautiful day!
- We encourage students to **do at least 45 minutes of Dreambox a week outside of class to help reinforce and build fluency in math skills**. This allows students to get practice in areas we may not be covering in a current unit, but where a student may need specific support.
- To get a glimpse into the wonderful world of 4th Grade, check out our private **class instagrams**. You won't be able to see any of the pictures unless you request to "follow."
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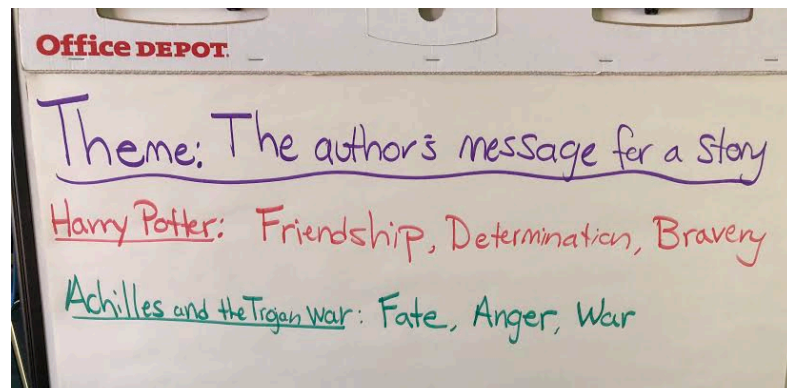


Homework

We are continuing to work on making sure all homework assignments are completed and that students are being proactive in getting parent signatures.

ELA

We started our mythology unit this week. We used the Greek myths of *Achilles and the Trojan War*, *King Midas*, *Pandora's Box*, and *Odysseus* to teach theme, pattern of events, and allusions. We also discussed the character traits and themes of King Midas and Achilles using a Venn diagram.

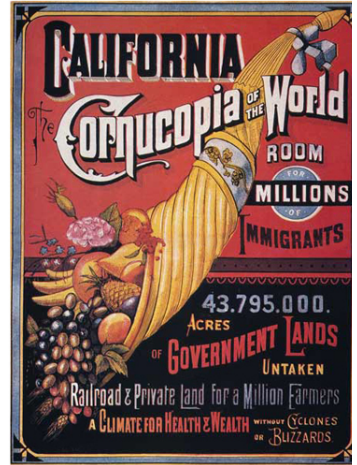


Math

This week we did not have math due to CAASPP testing in math.

Social Studies

We started our last unit on California history. We are learning about California from 1851-Present Day. We are focusing on how California became an Agricultural and Industrial Power, then we will learn about state government. This week, we studied how the Transcontinental Railroad helped start a population boom in California, and how communication between the two coasts has changed from the late 1800's to today.



Science

Students are exploring this driving question:

As engineers, how can we show how prove when energy is used, it is not lost but converts from one form to another?

Due to CAASPP and the Spring Concert, we did not have science this week. Next week, we will continue working on our unit by learning about natural resources and how they are used to make energy.

Specials

This year, all 4th Grade classes are working with Kinder buddies! Ms. Carrade's and Ms. Schmidt's class go down to Ms. Hope's class and Ms. Thompson's class works with Mrs. Perez's. This will happen on most Fridays from 1:00-1:30. It is a great way to learn leadership skills!

Below are the schedules for PE. Make sure on these days to wear appropriate shoes and clothing.

Carrade: Monday 2:20-3:00 and Wednesday 1:20-2:00

Thompson: Monday 2:20-3:00 and Wednesday 1:20-2:00

Schmidt: Tuesday 11:20-12:00 and Thursday 2:20-3:00

Contact:

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