

Fourth Grade Post

Reminders!



- Our next field trip is **Wednesday, May 15th**. We will be going to clean-up Ocean Beach from **9:15am to 1:45pm**. **WE NEED DRIVERS!** Check with you room parents to sign up!
- **Friday, May 17th is the 3-5 Spring Music Extravaganza** for 3-5! Ms. Emilie will be hosting the event in the **MPR from 1:30 pm-3:00 pm**.
- **THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE TO THE CAASPP TESTING SCHEDULE DUE TO INTERNET ISSUES. PLEASE SEE NEW SCHEDULE BELOW**
- **CAASPP Testing** starts NEXT WEEK! Here are the testing times for 4th grade
- Week of 5/13
 - **Monday, May 13th** : 8:30-10:00 and 10:30-12:00
 - **Tuesday, May 14th** : 8:30-10:00 and 10:30-12:00
 - **Thursday, May 16th**: 8:30-10:00 and 10:30-12:00
 - **Friday, May 17th**: 8:30-10:00 and 10:30-12:00

Make sure your child is at school on time, well rested, and has eaten a full breakfast. 😊

- **Thursday, May 30th 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.
- 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. Its game based, iPad app compatible if you have one, and teachers can see how students are progressing and where in class we can build in more differentiated 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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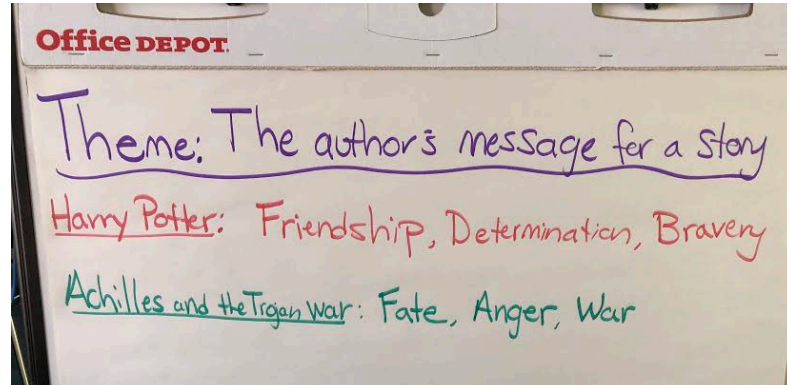
Ms. Thompson: ms.thompsonwca

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

*Continuing in this week's Friday Post, you will get a **preview** of the math lessons to come for the following week (instead of a review of the content learned). This way you can use this Friday Post as a tool this upcoming week to support your child with their math, should you need it as a reference.*

There is no math next week due to CAASPP Testing

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?

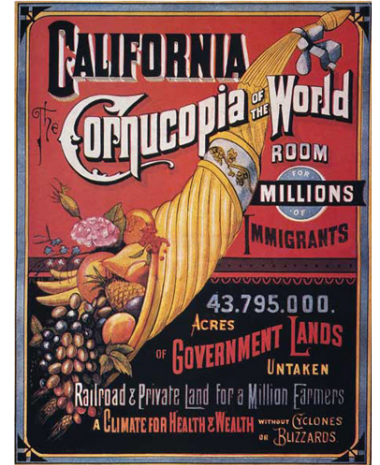
Due to CAASPP, we will not have science the next two weeks. After CAASPP, we will continue working on our unit by learning about natural resources and how they are used to make energy

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, how communication between the two coasts has changed from the late 1800's to today, and what industries help make California a global influencer.

Driving Question:

"How did California become a global influencer?"



Specials:

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

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

Thompson: Monday 2:20-3:00 and Tuesday 11:20-12:00

Contact:

If you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to e-mail us at athompson@willowcreekacademy.org or jcarrade@willowcreekacademy.org.