

THE FOURTH GRADE GALLOP



Milton Elementary
Milton, DE

September 2016

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Cool Kids Can

The beginning of the school year is going very smoothly, and the children are settling in to their daily routines. The children have been involved in a series of lessons, class meetings and activities to help them learn the school rules of being **respectful, responsible, and safe** community members. Children can earn Cool Kid Coupons for displaying these three behaviors. *Cool Kid Coupons* can be "spent" at our Cool Kid Store cool items and privileges throughout the year. Please support our successful behavior management system by encouraging your child to practice the three rules at all times...in the classroom, the hallways, on the bus, and in the neighborhood!



Thank You Parents!

Thank you for checking agendas!

Thank you for signing Weekly Notes!

Thank you for adjusting your schedules to have your child here by 7:40am!

Thank you for being a supportive partner in your child's education!

Weekly Folders

Each week yellow folders are sent home with the students filled with graded papers and important announcements. Please sign and return the weekly folder the following school day. Empty all contents from the folders unless it is a "stapled" paper that needed to be corrected. Please return those papers to school with your child.

Mark Your Calendar

9/30 Spirit Day/Pep Rally
10/9 Picture Day
10/12 Fundraiser Ends
10/13 Parent Conferences
10/14 No School

Homework Update:

We will build our stamina up to 30 minutes of reading each night

Week of 10/3 – 20 minutes

Week of 10/10 – 25 minutes

Week of 10/17 – 25 minutes

30 minutes per night remainder of the year.

Math, Science and Social Studies homework will be assigned needed

Language Arts Areas

Each week, students will continue to be given a list of high frequency spelling words. You may choose to help your child to practice their spelling words at home to help prepare for their assessment at the end of each week. There will be no assigned spelling homework this year.

We are currently exploring a new reading unit called the Literacy Lab. In this program we are delving into each of the ELA Common Core Standards during reading and writing workshops. Also in this unit students are being asked to build their reading stamina to 30 minutes without interruptions while the teacher is working with small groups or one-on-one conferencing with students.

Encourage your child to continue using these reading strategies at home when reading books in their assigned level.

Social Studies Snippets

In a few weeks we will begin our first Social Studies Unit called Civics. The focus for this unit is on the Federal Government, State Government and what makes a good citizen. We will also spend time talking about the election.

BREAKFAST REMINDER!

4TH Grade breakfast is scheduled from 7:25-7:35 am. Breakfast is FREE for all students.

Scientifically Speaking

Students are having a terrific time learning how to be 4th grade scientists. We are currently studying the properties of seeds and we will extend our learning by observing the changes our seeds will go through as they are watered over time. Our seeds will grow and continue through the plant life cycle.

Our crawling curious crustaceans have arrived. In class we will learn the structures of the crayfish and their functions. Students will have the opportunity to pick up the crayfish and explore the different structures of the animal while comparing the life cycles of living things.

Math Minutes

We are plugging away into our first Math unit, which is titled Landmarks and Large Numbers. During this unit we are focusing on place value and addition and subtraction of 4-digit numbers. You child will be learning many strategies to help them solve these types of problems.

We are on a race to the finish line to learn all of our multiplication facts. We are using many strategies here at school to learn our facts quickly and confidently; you can help at home by quizzing your child on their facts and using flashcards. We all can do it together!!