



4TH GRADE FLASH

Special Points of Interest:

- Congratulations to Estes Hills for meeting AYP goals in both Reading and Math...we are now recognized as a "School of Distinction."


Upcoming Dates:

- Nov. 13th: Picture Re-Takes
- Nov. 13-18: Scholastic Book Fair
- Nov. 14th: Book Fair Fun Night (5:30-8pm)
- Nov 17th: Estes Hills Thrift Shop Sort Night
- Nov. 26th-28th: Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 2: Museum of Natural Sciences Field Trip

MATH UPDATE

4th graders are learning about data and graphing including the process of collecting, organizing, analyzing, and displaying data. They are also learning how to describe the distribution of data using various measures of central tendency, including range, median, and mode. Fourth graders will also learn about time units and how to use schedules, calendars, and elapsed time to solve real-world problems. For the unit's culmination, students will work with a partner to create survey questions, collect data, and display and analyze this data using a variety of graphs. Please continue to review multiplication times tables (0-12) with your student to help prepare them for our next unit on multiplication and division.

GETTING ARTSY!

Fourth graders just finished a technology unit in art. They learned how to use digital cameras  and worked in I-Photo to edit and print their photo portraits. Students used the Rule of Thirds when they cropped their pictures.

The theme of the photographs is friendship. Hunter Pendleton has helped develop the unit and teach the lessons. You can view examples from the 4th and 5th grade portraits in the front hallway. For their next project, students will create plaster face masks.

WRITING NEWS

We are happy to finally receive information from the district about the 4th grade writing curriculum for this year. Since we won't have the state writing test, the district has decided to require 4th




graders to complete a number of writing tasks, which will cover all curriculum areas. The focus this year will be on the writing process rather than the assessment. We hope to bring you more information in the upcoming weeks about our writing plans for this year.

FUN IN FRENCH

Fourth graders continue to soar in French class as they study their place in a world with many languages and cultures.

Expect to see your students reading, writing, and speaking in French about themselves and our community.

ANIMAL VISITORS

On Monday, Nov. 10th, a representative from the Museum of Natural Sciences brought 4 animal visitors to the 4th grade classrooms. We got to observe and pet a chinchilla, opossum, ferret, and alligator.  The fun and interactive lesson ties in nicely with our next science unit on Animal Adaptations.

HAVE A GREAT THANKSGIVING BREAK!!!