

# 4th Grade Flash



## Fall Into Learning!

### Upcoming Dates:

- November 5: Make Up School Picture Day
- November 9: PTA Meeting (8 am)
- November 11: Veteran's Day Holiday
- November 17: SIT Meeting (6:30 pm Media Center)
- November 25-27: Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 8: Downtown Raleigh Fieldtrip

### HELPFUL HINTS:

- Students can access all worksheets and their math textbook online at [www.pearsonsuccessnet.com](http://www.pearsonsuccessnet.com). Please ask your teacher for your child's username and password.
- Looking for ways to read at home? Try some of these ideas:
  1. Read the same book as your child and share in discussions over dinner or on the way to school.
  2. Enjoy a book together by reading out loud to your child and have them read out loud to you.

### MATH

4th graders are developing fluency with multiplication and division during the second quarter, including estimating products and quotients and determining the reasonableness of solutions. Hands on learning continues to be a focus of the fourth grade, as students practice new skills utilizing a number of content based activities. Please continue to practice and review the multiplication facts (0-12) and fact families in order to prepare students for multiple digit multiplication in the next few weeks.

### LITERACY

Our study of the mystery genre during the month of October concludes with a story skeleton project, which showcases student's understanding of the elements of mystery fiction novels. Our next focus will be on the fantasy/science fiction genre. Small group and

### WHAT IS MIX IT UP DAY?

Mix it up day is a fun opportunity to make new friends in school. Students will sit with different students in the cafeteria in order to cross the invisible lines of school divi-

whole class lessons will continue to focus on reading strategies and higher level thinking skills.

In writing, students are learning about different ways to focus and organize their stories, emphasizing strong beginnings and endings, transitions, and the sequencing of events.

### SCIENCE

We are finishing up our animal adaptations unit, with a study of terrariums and how animals adapt to different habitats. Students also had the opportunity to dissect owl pellets, furthering the study of ecosystems and predator/prey relationships.

### SOCIAL STUDIES

We have just finished up a unit on map skills and the geography of North Carolina. In the second quarter, students will study the different regions through research projects.

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sion, meet new people and make new friends. Teachers will also participate in different Mix It Up Activities throughout the day. Talk to your child about the importance of Mix It Up Day and check out the Teaching Tolerance website to learn more.

We are proud that Estes is participating in such a meaningful nation-wide event.

<http://www.tolerance.org/mix-it-up>

### WHEN IS MIX IT UP DAY?

TUESDAY, November 10th!

