

4th Grade Newsletter

September 21, 2020

Important Dates:

9/21-9/25 Scantron testing

Monday, 9/21 - Religion chapter 2 test

Thursday, 9/24 - Spelling and Reading assessments; Spelling City activities due

Friday, 9/25 - Scholastic Book order due

****Friday, 9/25 - Social Studies chapter 1 test**** rescheduled from Wednesday

Announcements:

Catering by Darlene will now offer the snack cart at lunch. Cookies, chips, candy and ice cream are \$1.00/item. Children may bring money to school or charge to their existing lunch accounts. Please refer to the school newsletter for more details.

From the Teacher's Desk:

How can you help your child? When you look through your child's red folder or assist/check their homework, check to see if your child is writing in complete sentences. Ask your child, "Did you use keywords from the question in your answer? Did you capitalize and punctuate your sentence?"

Example Question: In which two hemispheres is Virginia located?

4th grade answer: Virginia is located in the Western and Northern hemispheres.

Now that we are starting our 5th week of school, I am raising my expectations. Students who do not head their papers with the correct heading (name, date & assignment) will lose 5 points on the assignment. Additionally, if students do not use the correct writing implement for the assignment, they will lose 5 points. The only time we write in pencil is during math & science labs (and a few other exceptioned times). The majority of work done in the upper elementary grades is in a blue / black ink pen.

We will have our Social Studies chapter 1 test on Friday. I have pushed it back a few days due to scantron testing. I want to show students how to create their own study guides (a.k.a. Brain Dump) for the test. We will create one this week that I will allow them to use when they take the test. By allowing them to use the "Brain Dump" on the test, I

want to show them how valuable it is to extract important information in an organized way to study.

Have a blessed week,

Maggie Harrigan