

*HIGH
PEAKS
4th GRADE*

***Mr.*

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September 8th, 2009

Hello Parents and Families,

Our 4th grade year is off to an incredible start. The students have fallen into their routines and have taken flight with multiple topics and activities. The adventure continues with a study of prehistoric animals and a small research-based project.

Our outline for the upcoming two weeks:

Math:

We have just completed our first unit;
Naming and Constructing Geometric Figures.

Our second math unit begins Tuesday, September 8th; **Using Numbers and Organizing Data.**

Please expect homework from the Study Links Journal every night this week but Friday. The answers are also provided in the journal, on the first page of each new unit for any clarification or verification.

Core Unit Study:

We will continue studying prehistoric times this week, however the focus moves toward the Cretaceous and Jurassic Eras. Students will be completing and performing a small presentation on a dinosaur of their choice.

Literacy:

Our reading focus remains on Treasure Island this week as we are just reaching the climactic points within the story.

Please expect reading homework every night this week except for Friday.

Writing has started with paragraphs, topic sentences and use of the thesaurus. These items will continue throughout the next two weeks.

Homework for September 8th – 11th and September 14th – 17th.

***Math Study Links Journal 2-3 –2-7**

***Spelling Words:**

Butterfly, midnight, behind, bicycle, sunshine, beginning, seashell, weekend, suddenly, because.

Week 2.

Their, there, they're, whose, who's, your, yore, you're, it's, its, brought, fought, thought

***Treasure Island**

Chapters 16-26

Many of these will be read in-class, however I do prefer the kids take the book home to re-read for comprehension.

***Parts of Speech**

Nouns and Verbs. You may see at least one or two pages come home over the next two weeks.

***Students of the Week**

Week 1 – Bianca and Ari

Week 2 – Ryon and Gaylen

Congratulations on all of your hard work!! Keep it up!!

Finally, I apologize about any confusion concerning the ‘field-trip’ form. I had meant to complete the form before it was delivered and as a result I will be resending another within the upcoming weeks. Our first field trip will take place toward the middle-end of October to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

I imagine there will be a lot more to add, however this should cover the basics around our classroom until then.

I hope you all have had a restful weekend. I look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

Thank you,
Scott Groach