

# Notes and News from the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Crew

Sept. 23, 2011

Dear Parents,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for all of your help and support over the last two weeks. The Fall Fling was a major success thanks to all of your support. A special thank you to all of the volunteers for the Fall Fling. We couldn't do it without you.



Another thank you for attending parent/teacher conferences. It was great to meet with each family so that you could really understand your child's strengths and needs. Please post the goal sheets somewhere special in your house as we will be visiting them all year long.

## Upcoming Field Trips

Next Tuesday, all fourth graders will be traveling to Lake Estes for our first field trip. Each student will need a sack lunch, a pencil, a water bottle, and a small day pack (no wheels) to hold their lunch. Please make sure students dress for the weather including sturdy shoes. It may be a little chillier in Estes Park than it is here in Superior.

Our third field trip will be on either October 26 or October 27 to Sombrero Marsh in Boulder. Please look for information in the next few weeks about this event. We would love for parents to attend this trip.

## Literacy

While analyzing student assessments, we have determined areas that most fourth graders need to focus on for the coming weeks. In the area of reading, we want students to monitor and clarify their own comprehension of what is being read. They need to incorporate new information into their personal knowledge and share their new learning with others. These focus areas are all a part of Standard One. (Students read and understand a variety of materials). In the area of writing, our focus is on Standard 2. (Students write for a variety of purposes and audiences). We are focusing daily on conventions, grammar and mechanics. Please help us with this at home by inspecting

your child's work. We will continue to highlight the standards being covered throughout the school year.



## Science and Social Studies

Our study of the Sun, Moon and Stars is in full swing. Students should be observing the moon nightly. If you are having a hard time finding it, please refer to the newspaper or the internet. This is a very powerful project when it is observed first hand. Please look for information about a test in the coming weeks.

## Reminders and Highlights

We are still accepting donations. We want to make sure that checks are not lost in their delivery to school

Lake Estes field trip	September 27 - Volunteers not needed
Family Literacy Night	October 5 from 6:00-7:00
Moon Gazing Night	October 6 time to be determined

Remember to read over and sign planner each night!



Have a great weekend!  
Your 4<sup>th</sup> grade team