

Mrs. Farnsworth's 4th grade class

# November Newsletter



November 5, 2009

Dear Parents,

Following is subject-by-subject information that you will find important for the month of November. Please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Beginning next week you will be able to view your child's daily and weekly assignment grades and test grades on <https://my.iusd.org/> as soon as the assignments are graded. This will allow you to see if your child has late assignments, as well as keep you up-to-date so that we may conference if necessary.

Mark your calendars for Loved One's Day on Wed., Nov. 25th from 11:20—12:20. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, parents and special friends are invited to spend time in your child's classroom. Various activities will be provided.

If you have not yet signed up for a conference with me, please do so ASAP!

Thank you,  
Mrs. Farnsworth

## Math

The Unit 2/Scooter Algebra/Topical Problems test will take place on Tuesday, November 10th. Our next unit is a geometry unit on lines, angles and triangles, Unit B. The test will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 1st. After finishing Unit B, we will begin Unit 3 on multi-digit Multiplication and Division. The students will be participating in a fun simulation called Lost Tribe of the Tocowans.

## Social Studies

The Missions are our current focus in Unit 2, Chapter 3. The students are participating in a Mission simulation that will require them to write a group Mission Report on 20 of the 21 Missions throughout the simulation. Each student will be contributing 5 reports to the overall total. Everything will be done at school. The test date for the Ch. 3/Mission Simulation test is based on the completion of the simulation and is, therefore, TBD.

## Science

Chapter 2: Ecosystems test will take place Friday, November 13th. We will begin Chapter 3 the following week. The students will be tested in December.

## Writing

The students have now learned how to write a summary on articles. We will continue to review summaries, as the students will take a district writing test on the summary Thursday, November 19th.

## Literature

Students will begin their first Literature Circles focusing on the Mystery genre at the end of November. Students will be placed in groups according to the novel they choose to read from the selection given. This grouping technique requires students to work together in small groups in order to discuss and understand their respective novels.

## Spelling/Vocabulary

This week the students will complete Spelling: Week 12. Wordly Wise: Lesson 4 will be assigned for the week of Nov. 9th. Spelling: Week 14 will be assigned the week of November 16th. There is no Wordly Wise or Spelling the week of Nov. 23rd, as a result of the **Thanksgiving holiday**. Please remind your child to **read directions carefully!**

## Health

The students will be quizzed on Teeth Thurs. Nov. 12th. Our next unit is on the digestive system! The quiz will be taken on Thursday, December 3rd.