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4-505

ANGELA AND ERICA'S CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

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A PEEK INTO OUR WEEKS

MATH : We begin the year with multiplication. We look at the relationship between factors and multiples. Students are expected to have their multiplication facts memorized to the best of their abilities. We will provide multiplication drills on a weekly basis, but expect memorization practice to be part of Home Learning.

READING : The classroom library is organized into color-coded bins by Fountas and Pinnell reading levels. Students have been assigned a bin, based on formal reading assessments administered by the 3rd grade teachers in June. Each student has a "Book Baggie" that is expected to go back and forth between home and school. Students will read these books in class and for Home Learning. Our first unit of study is "Summary/Determining Importance." We will use the summer reading book, Stone Fox, to kick off this unit.

WRITING : It excites us to re-introduce the Writer's Notebook. Students will have a fresh start in a new 4th grade Writer's Notebook. We begin the year by generating entries and exploring the variety of ways writers collect ideas and wonderings. We value effort and look forward to reading entries that are thoughtful, and have been edited with proper punctuation and capitalization. Brand new notebooks will be sent home this evening so that students have ample time to personalize/decorate in time for Monday's lesson.

SOCIAL STUDIES : For the first few weeks of school, we focus on community building and social/emotional learning. We spend time getting to know our classmates and teachers, learning about our similarities, and celebrating our differences. We will enjoy several read alouds which highlight the importance of kindness, respect, compatibility, self-motivation and what it means to have a growth mindset.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR :

September 13 @ 5 pm - Curriculum Night
September 21 and 22 - Rosh Hashanah - No School

A NOTE FROM ANGELA + ERICA :

Please fill out all forms that have been sent home by the PTA (dismissal, blue card, school lunch). Send them in ASAP.

A LOOK AHEAD :

- We will administer formal TC Reading Assessments over the next several weeks.
- Home Learning begins next week (more information provided at Curriculum Night)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE :

MONDAY	Computers
TUESDAY	Chorus/P.E.
WEDNESDAY	Art
THURSDAY	Band/P.E.
FRIDAY	Science and N.D.I.