

Classroom Newsletter

Mr. Zielsdorf
Grade 4/5 Reading and Writing
April 2018



Reading News

In April, the grade 4 students will start reading the novel "Rules" by Cynthia Lord. They will also continue to work on their small group activities. In grade 5, the students will finish reading the novel "Out Of My Mind" by Sharon Draper.

Math News

In grade 4, during the month of April, students will review perimeter and area concepts. They will extend their knowledge by developing formulas as mathematical models for areas of rectangles.

In grade 5, students will practice points on coordinate grids, review area of rectangles, parallelograms, and triangles.

Social Studies/Science News

In Science, the students will learn about wave energy and ecosystem restoration.

In Social Studies, students will be learning about economic development and industry. They also will be learning about moving west, the Civil War, and the Reconstruction period.

Room 109 News

When we get back from Spring Break, it's going to be time for the State Forward Testing to begin. Beginning on Tuesday, April 10, all grade 4 students will test in the following areas: Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies. The class will take one part of each test during the two weeks after break.

For the grade 5 students, they will take the Forward test in two areas. Those areas are: Reading and Mathematics. Those tests will start the week after Spring Break and will extend throughout the month of April.

Phantom Ranch

For the parents of grade 5 students, the final payment for our spring field trip is due by Friday, April 15. A \$25 payment is due this time. Payment envelopes were sent home the last day before Spring Break.

Parents and students will also need to attend a final meeting about the trip on either Wednesday, April 18 at 6:00pm or Thursday, April 19 at 2:30pm. You only need to attend one of these meetings to receive all the paperwork necessary to go on the trip. A form was sent home with your students before Spring Break regarding this meeting.

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By June 2022, McKinley Elementary will be ranked in the top 5 Title 1 Elementary Schools by building a foundation that focuses on academic growth and character development.

Calendar

4/10 – 4/26: Forward Testing
4/15: Last Payment due for Phantom Ranch
4/18: Parent Meeting for Phantom Ranch @ 6:00pm
4/19: Parent Meeting for Phantom Ranch @ 2:30pm
5/16 - 5/18: Phantom Ranch Trip



