

Fritz's 4th Grade Facts

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Important Dates

[Nov. 16-Dec. 2 Miss Hammond teaching math lessons](#)

[Nov. 25-27 No school Happy Thanksgiving!](#)

[Dec. 3 Whole School Field Trip to the Stranahan theater to see "A Christmas Carol" performance](#)

[Dec. 4 midterms](#)

[Dec. 10 Team B \(Fritz's class\) Musical performance at 7:00](#)

[Dec. 16 Holiday Gift exchange](#)

[Dec. 17 Holiday Parties, Polar Express/Pajama Day: More info coming soon!](#)

Reading

We have finished all of the lessons dealing with Sarah Noble. We will be doing a 2 day poetry unit next week that will explore 6 different types of poetry writings. The children will even get a chance to write their own if they choose!

Spelling

NO SPELLING THIS NEXT WEEK, DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY ENJOY YOUR FAMILY TIME! THE FOLLOWING WEEK'S WORDS WILL COME HOME THE MONDAY AFTER THE BREAK AND WILL BE ABOUT ADDING -ER AND -ING TO ROOT WORDS.

Math

I am thrilled to announce that our group of children have had great success with learning their multiplication methods, and overwhelmingly, the majority of our students use and understand the Lattice Method the best! I truly appreciate all of your support in letting your child try each method and let them choose the one that makes sense to them and helps them arrive at the right answer--which of course is our goal! Because of this success, we are moving forward! Mrs. Hammond is teaching lessons beginning today that will cover the basics in geometry like shape names, polygon descriptions, lines, rays, and segments. Therefore, her units will be very vocabulary based and you may want to ask your child to bring home their math notebooks to show you the new geometry words we've added to our word wall section of our notes. She is only teaching an 8 day unit, so what geometry topics she doesn't cover, I will be teaching after her last day on Dec. 11. Luckily, Miss Hammond will be returning to our classroom Jan. 11 to begin her official "Student Teaching" journey with

our classes. I have truly been blessed with a great student teacher which is really inspiring your children to become engaged and active learners.

Science

Our chemical and physical changes lessons ended wonderfully, and the average test score was about a 90%. Well done to all. We will now resume our lessons dealing with the slow processes that change the surface of the earth: erosion, and weathering. I will plan on assessing their knowledge with a test before our Holiday/winter break. We will be conducting a few more experiments as well as creating a study guide in class.

Cookie Company is Coming!

You may be aware of our cookie making tradition here at Monclova. Mrs. Warner will begin to introduce the children to the "entrepreneurship" aspect of our cookie making soon, but for math class I'll be asking you to do some shopping homework over the holiday break...you **will not** need to purchase anything for this assignment, just gather the information on prices. The paper will be very detailed for your understanding.

Items needed:

I always welcome “Fritz’s Fun Mart” items...the holiday shopping season is coming! Many students buy gifts for friends from my store this month! Thanks!