



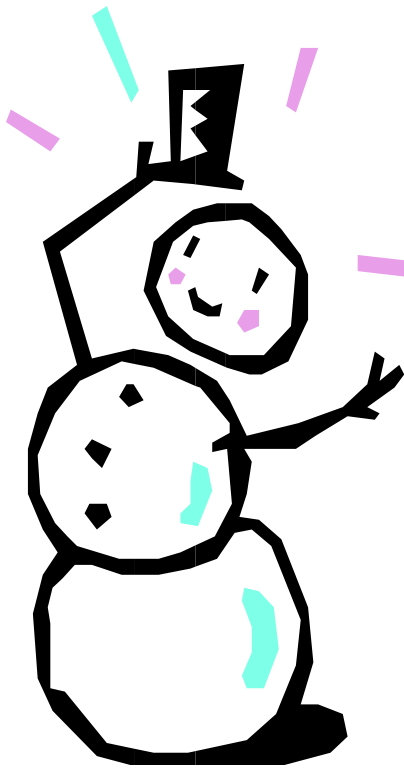
FOURTH GRADE FLYER

January 2012

What's Going On...

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to school! It's hard to believe that the holidays are over and there is only one more semester to go. There is still a lot of work to be done, so we ask for your continued support. Remember, communication between students, teachers, and parents is important, so if you need to contact one of your child's teachers, please e-mail them directly, write a note, or leave them a voice mail message. If it's a message that the teacher needs before the end of the day, please tell the office, and they will notify us immediately. Sometimes e-mail and voice mail cannot be checked by teachers until the end of the day. Thanks for all your help.



The Basic's

We are seeing great improvements in the areas of **reading, writing, and arithmetic**. Students have been busy applying the many different strategies they have learned so far this year to their everyday work. We encourage you to take time to sit down with your kids and read, or work on basic math skills.

Interesting Websites

If you are looking for some reinforcement of skills learned at school, check out our website: www.indianhillselementary.net

On this homepage, just click on, Student Corner, then 4th grade, and you can access a variety of children's learning activities for every subject.

Special points of interest:

- **Early Release:** January 11th at 3:00pm.
- **Early Warning II Testing**
Reading: Jan. 9-13
Math: Jan. 16-20
- **No School:** January 16th. M.L.K. Day
- **Spelling Bee:** January 20th at 2:00pm
- **Field Trip:** January 27th. **Kansas Day Celebration at the Kansas Museum of History.**

Upcoming Events

The month of January is filled with all kinds of fun and interesting activities that will aid us in our exploration and learning of Kansas History. All of our fourth grade classes have been reading a book about a young boy's childhood in a one room school house, and his life growing up on a farm. We were fortunate to have the author, Dr. Ken Ohm, come and visit our classes. He gave our students some great insight to the way life used to be. We will be continuing to explore these concepts of our history at the end of the month. Our classes will go on a field trip to the Kansas Museum of History, and a tour of the Capitol building. More information about these field trips will be sent out as the time draws near.



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Mathematically speaking...

We have just finished a unit of study that focused on geometric shapes and transformations. This unit went very well for our students. They were able to grasp the concepts very well.

Our next unit of study will be focusing on measurement. We will be looking at measurement in the areas of length, volume, weight, temperature, and time. These are very hard concepts for the stu-

dents to learn, as there is a great deal of information. Please help us by reviewing these concepts at home. This will be a very long and intensive unit that may cause some frustration for your student. Please remind them to stay positive and try their best everyday.!



Let it snow!

Read All About It!

Reading...

We are starting our fourth unit for Reading. In this unit students meet characters who overcome obstacles by thinking creatively. Using their own problem-solving abilities and creative imagination, students discover the characters' ability to enhance their environment for the better. All classes are still focusing on the 4 text types: narrative, expository, persuasive, and technical.



Writing....

We are still working on our writing skills by writing a variety of texts. We have explored expository, persuasive, and narrative writing styles. We will continue to work on these forms of writing as well as continuing to work on organizing information, paragraphing, punctuation, and our 6 +1 Writing Traits. The students really enjoy creating their writing pieces!

Social Studies and Science

Science...

We have just finished up our Life Science Unit. In this unit the students focused on the life cycle of plants and animals, as well as animal adaptations. The student created several pieces of work to demonstrate their understanding of these topics. The students did a great job on their projects and are very proud to be showing some of them off in the classroom and hallway. Please feel free to come take a look at your students work.

Social Studies...

We are just getting back in to Social Studies with the Southwest Region of the U.S.. We are discussing the states, capitols, resources, goods, physical features, and attractions of those states. Keep in mind that the students need to learn all of the states and abbreviations by the end of the year. This would be a great thing to practice at home!

Spelling Bee:

The Spelling Bee will be held on January 20 at 2:00pm in the gym. Each 4th grade will select 4 students per class to participate. These students will be decided by choosing the top speller from a series of classroom practice spelling bees. These students will then move on to compete against spellers in the 5th and 6th grades.