

# Our Classroom News

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## What's Happening This Month

- October 2 PTO fundraiser ends
- October 7-30 PTO Boo Shop
- October 7-18 Missing Assignment BLITZ
- October 17: Community Steam Nigh (5-6:30)
- October 22-31: Red Ribbon Week
- October 24: 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks Ends
- October 30: Harvest Fest Day School Event
- October 30: Parent/ Teacher conferences 3:30 – 6:30
- October 31: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- November 1: Celebration of Learning 8:40 – 9:20

## Important Information

- We are off to a great start in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. The end of the first grading period is October 24. There is still time to improve. Our grade will be hosting a "BLITZ" week (or two) during recess for students who have failed to turn in classwork. In some cases, this is due to absences, but often a student is not putting in the work and not turning in any evidence of effort.
- It is not too late to continue turning in supplies: Clorox wipes, pencils, paper, and particularly composition books are in demand.
- Please, please, please make sure you are connected to each of your child's classrooms on Class Dojo. We will happily resend an invitation if that helps. Valuable information is distributed by Class Dojo as well as opportunities to check in with the teacher on progress, concerns, praise, etc.

## A Peek At What We Are Learning This Month

### ELA/ Writing

We've been busy reading and writing. Students are maintaining a homework journal that is turned in every Friday with evidence of at home reading. In class, we are enjoying sharing our personal narrative stories and working on ways to improve our writing. October kickoffs the READ YOUR WAY TO THE BIG GAME. In the communication folder, you will see a reading log. Whether you are reading for Clemson or for USC, there are some cool incentives including eating lunch on the stage and possibly winning 4 tickets to the USC vs. Clemson game.

### Math

*We have successfully finished up with some introductory place value lessons and are headed into rounding. After we finished rounding, we will begin addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division with larger numbers. Please practice with your students their multiplication facts, as the more practice they do, the easier it will be to multiply larger numbers.*

### Science

Our 4th grade meteorologists are actively collecting weather data. We are collecting temperature, wind direction, wind speed, and precipitation data. We are creating graphs using the data. We will soon move into learning about hurricanes, tornadoes and thunderstorms!

### Social Studies

We have finished our Native American unit and are beginning our study of explorers. The settlement of America lays the groundwork for the melting pot that is our country today. Students will be fascinated by the expeditions of great explorers from all over Europe, including Christopher Columbus, Magellan, Balboa, Cabot, Hudson, Ponce de Leon, la Salle, Cartier, and de Gama.

## Character Trait of the Month: Honesty

**Honesty** is the Caughman Road character trait for the month of August. Honesty by definition is "speaking and acting truthfully." Every month we will identify students who we feel model the trait of the month. This month we are so proud of the following students: **Xavier Dow, Del'shani Richardson, Cardre Roberts, Azeriah Scott, Ayriana Ferguson, Zymere Ahemn, Keeshon Dukes, Anyiah Alford**