**Monday, November 20 –Friday, November 24. 2017**

**This Week in Grade Four**

November 20-23

Our student leaders are collecting food for the food bank. Your child can help out by bringing in a non-perishable item to donate. Thank you in advance. :)

Here is a look at what is going on this week:

**Important Dates:**

* November 20 - Report Cards go home
* November 23 - December Hot Lunch due / Parent /Teacher Conferences
* November 24 - No School for students (Parent/Teacher Conferences)

**Math**

This week in Math we will be starting Multiplication. Students have been assigned learning their Time Tables for the past month. Tomorrow we will start daily Minute Math for Multiplication. Students will be given one minute to answer as many Multiplication problems as possible. We will start with the one, two and three time’s tables. Students will not be able to move onto the 4, 5, 6 Times Tables until they master the one, two and three Times Tables. These Minute Math Sheets will be sent home in Show What You Know Duo-Tangs once a week.

For homework this week students are to work on Mastering the 4, 5, 6 Times Tables.

**Literacy**

This week in Literacy we will continue to learn about Common Nouns, Proper Nouns and Plural Nouns. We will also learn about Pronouns and Verbs.

In Writing we will continue to work on Personal Narratives. Our focus will be on putting our writing into paragraphs.

Students are expected to read every night. Many have not been selecting Home Reading Books from the classroom. Home Reading Books will be sent home once a week. The remainder of the week I will reorganize students and ensure they have Home Reading Books. The purpose of Home Reading Books is to read the text to an adult and then answer questions about what they have read. The first question should be asking for a retell which includes all the main events in the correct sequence.

Once Home Reading Books have been read and Comprehension Questions answered students should then move onto reading from the book they are going to do a Book Talk on. This Book Talk will be presented to the class. Students have been given an outline with expectations and questions to be answered. Students should be taking home the novel, they are going to do their book talk on, reading it nightly and bringing the book back to school every day. Students are provided with time during the school day to read the novel they have selected. Book talks will begin the beginning of December. These Book Talks will be marked.

Word Work

We will continue to do Word Work every Monday. I am going to change it up a little. Students will be required to look through the Grade 4 No Excuse Word List and select words they do not know how to spell and look through their writing to locate words they spelled incorrectly. These individually selected words that students will be working on mastering during Monday Word Work.

**Science**

We will continue with our Rock Unit. However, we will also be learning how to do Science Experiments/ investigation. These activities will be replacing a couple of traditional science units for Grade 4. This is a new shift in the Grade 4 Science Curriculum. It is activity based and observation/problem solving based.

I hope you are all finding the Orange Campfire Notebooks useful reminder for the various things that are going on in Grade 4 as well as at Barkers Point. Please sign your child’s Orange Duo-tang on a nightly basis. It is also important to sign your child’s Reading Log. I have a feeling that several students are not reading every night!

Report Cards go home today. Please take time to go over your child’s Report Card with him/her. Please sign and return in the envelope. Included with Report Cards will be note indicating what time your Parent Teacher Conference has been scheduled for. I would like to meet with all parents for this Reporting Period.