


4-S News

OCTOBER 1,
2019

Day of the Week	Special/Specialist
Monday	10:55-11:35 PE with Ms. Kuz 1:10-1:50 Music with Ms. Tryon
Tuesday	9:00-9:40 Chorus with Ms. Tryon 9:45-10:25 Spanish with Señora Burgoyne
Wednesday	12:40-1:20 Spanish with Señora Burgoyne
Thursday	10:35-11:15 Media with Ms. Potter
Friday	10:15-10:55 PE with Ms. Kuz 1:20-2:00 Art with Ms. DiCenzo

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Enjoy the first installment of our class newsletter!

October is off to a great start in Room 183!

It has been wonderful getting to meet so many of you through mini-conferences and at Curriculum Night. If you weren't able to attend you should be able to find the presentation and homework policy on our classroom website at: <http://hsmithgrade4.weebly.com>. We will be using our website as a regular resource for homework and home/school communication. Let me know if this will be difficult for your family.

During the last few weeks we have been practicing important routines, creating class jobs, and

getting to know each other. We have had opportunities to learn about the second graders in Ms. Garsh's class, our buddy classroom.

We have opened our classroom library, begun using our classroom Chromebooks, and are exploring the question "What do ALL insects have in common?" We have had visits from our literacy and math coaches, begun our realistic fiction reading unit, and started our math unit on estimation. Next week we begin our realistic fiction writing unit and begin to plan for the insect fair.

Fun Fact

Did you know that you can approximate the temperature in Fahrenheit by counting cricket chirps? Count the cricket chirps in 14 seconds and add 40 to find the approximate outdoor temperature. If you don't hear any crickets it may be that the temperature is below 55 degrees or there are no males present. Female crickets don't chirp.

Homework in 4S

Homework is in its second week. Fourth graders still need your help at this point in the year establishing routines at home. While the goal for fourth graders is independence in completing homework and advocating for themselves when they need help, students need our support to get back into the habit. Help your child budget his/her time so that they are spending approximately 40-45 minutes a night (including 25 or more minutes on reading) on homework. Remind them to come to homework club during morning work time on Tuesday and Thursday.