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4th/5th

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Class News

**September 2018**

**Math:**

Students started the year by taking several pre-assessments. Students will be responsible to keep a neat and organized math binder throughout the year. They are responsible to bring their math binder home each night. Student will have math homework most nights, Monday through Thursday. Their homework will reinforce a skill we are studying in class. Please let me know if you see your child struggling to understand a math concept that appears on that night’s homework.

**4th Grade:** Students are working on understanding and using large numbers. We have been focusing on placing large numbers on a number line, place value, rounding and addition and subtraction of large numbers. Our next unit will focus on multiplication and division.

**5th Grade:** We are working on multi-digit multiplication. Students are learning many methods for multi-digit multiplication including the standard algorithm. We will begin division next week.

**Reading/Language Arts:**

Students organized their literature binders and took both a literature and writing pre-assessment.

We have started our writers workshop and reviewed the writing process. We are currently focusing on gathering strategies in prewriting and drafting. Students began to organize their ideas for their personal narratives.

We have started to read our first novel, *The Phantom Tollbooth*. We completed our first Socratic Seminar where we discussed the poem *Today* by Jean Little. They did a fantastic job analyzing and discussing the poem.

We are focusing on the concept of change through literature this year in ELA. Students have generated examples of time and placed their ideas in categories. They have used these categories to create generalizations about time that will help when interpreting the literature we are reading throughout the year.

**Important Dates:**

9/26 5:00 – Ice Cream Social

10/4 Curriculum Night

10/5 Spirit Day

10/9 Picture Day

10/11 Conferences

10/19 Fall Festival

**Leader in Me:** We will be integrating Steven Covey's highly effective "7 Habits of Happy Kids" into our classroom. We started the school year by creating a leadership binder, which students will be sharing with you throughout the year. Students entered the results to all of their pre-assessments in their binders and made academic and personal goals for the school year.

**Growth Mindset:**

**Teacher News:**

It was great to see so many of you at back to school night. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

For those of you looking to find books your children can read that are written on a higher reading level but are still appropriate for fourth and fifth graders please check out [www.commonsensemedia.org](http://www.commonsensemedia.org).