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4th/5th

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Class News

2017

**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.

We model the 7 habits each week by starting class on Monday with a check in circle where we discuss our goals for the week. We end each week with a check out circle where we discuss how we did accomplishing our goals for the week. Students created a keynote presentation to share with the class that contained their current goals, 5 year goals, 10 year goals and life goals. This assignment illustrated the importance of following habit 2 by always “Beginning with the End in Mind”.

**Reading/Language Arts:** We have been studying the concept of change and generalizations that can be made about change. We applied these generalizations to a very power short story we read called *The Power of Light* by Isaac Bashevis Singer. We have also been reading and discuss *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett. As we continue to read and discuss The Secret Garden, students have shared many insightful thoughts and ideas about the novel.

Students organized their literature binders and took a reading and writing pre-assessment as well as the STAR reading test. We have started our writers workshop and reviewed the writing process. We are currently focusing on gathering strategies in prewriting and drafting.

**Important Dates:**

9/27 – Ice Cream Social 5:30

**4th/5th Math:** Students started the year by taking the math STAR. 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. Students 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.

**5th Math:** 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.

**4th Grade Math:** We have started our *How Big is Big* unit. We are studying place value and periods in large numbers. Students are learning how to communicate like mathematicians through their math journals. Students are rounding and ordering large numbers on a number line. They are reading and creating greatest and least numbers from a possible given set of digits through investigation, games and discussion.