

Dear Parents,

Thank you for taking time to come to the parent meeting on Tuesday. I'll attach the parent packet for those who were unable to attend. Here's a link to the page on our site about [Genius Hour](#) that might be helpful to look through.

## What's happening in Class

We are now into a more normal schedule, but many of the routines associated with our new language arts curriculum are being learned. We haven't yet gotten started with the spelling component, but once we do, you can expect a weekly list you'll be able to work on during the week with kids. We've been brushing up on **common and proper nouns**. Our focus in reading has been on finding evidence to back up our opinions. I'll be testing all kids over the next few weeks on their reading **comprehension, fluency, accuracy**, and ability to **retell** the story. Our unit on **persuasive writing** is under way, and we're fleshing out reasons that support our positions. We're also considering possible topics to write our legislators in Lansing about. In **Math**, we're reviewing **place value, comparing numbers, rounding, and regrouping** (carrying) while adding. We'll be focused on **ungrouping** (borrowing) for subtraction next week. In **Social Studies**, we're learning about the **government** and how it's structured. We'll be starting our own class government with an election next week. Kids will be learning about the **rights and responsibilities** that go with being a citizen before we wrap up this unit, and move on to **Economics**.

## Auction

Our first auction in each classroom is approaching. Donations of any gently used books, games, toys, or clothes will be "bought" with credits, to be resold at auction. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

## Think Energy Presentation

On Wednesday, presenters will be sharing ways kids can help reduce energy consumption. Kids will receive an Energy Action Kit to take home. If

enough kids return the survey, our class can earn \$100! Info attached to the purple paper.

## Reading Marathon update

I TOLD YOU THE WRONG TIME! 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents are invited to come in and read with kids on Monday, October 3 from **9:35 – 10:05**, **NOT** at 10:35 as I had said at the parent meeting. I hope you're able to make it, and sorry for the inconvenience. Collections are happening next Wednesday, Sept. 28, and on the day of the event, Monday, Oct. 3.

*\*\*If you are willing to lend us an inexpensive flashlight or two for the big day, we would greatly appreciate it. You can send them in any time!*

## Extra opportunities

Quincy's **ukulele club** for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will begin on Oct. 14. Please let me know if you'd like more information and I'll gladly send it your way.

4<sup>th</sup> grade Recess **touch football league** will begin next week. Kids have formed teams of 4-6 to play while the weather remains nice.

## Reminders

- **Mon, Oct. 3 – Reading marathon!**
- **Thur, Oct. 6 - Picture Day**
- **Friday, Oct. 7 – ½ day.** Teacher P.D.
- **Friday, Oct. 7 – Reading minutes due**
- **Wednesday, Oct. 12 – pizza \$ due**
- **Friday, Oct. 14 – First Reading Pizza Party**

As always, if you'd ever like to discuss anything happening here at school, please feel free to contact me. **Quincy Elementary**  
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Sincerely,

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