

Dear Parents,

We had a busy week with swimming, our first reading party, ukulele club starting, and our first spirit day. Check the **Reminders** section below for upcoming important dates. 4<sup>th</sup> grade T-shirts are being provided by the PTO this year! Thanks for supporting fundraisers!

## What's happening in Class

I'm wrapping up my testing of kids' **reading comprehension, fluency, accuracy**, and ability to **retell** the story. In **reading**, we've been working on comprehension strategies, vocabulary, and grammar, including common \$ proper nouns, adverbs, and pronouns. In **Spelling**, kids have completed the second sort for their level, and will be bringing home another list on Monday. Our unit on **writing realistic fiction narratives** continues with a focus on using **sensory details** to help readers make a **mind movie** of the action, as well as showing **characters' motivation** and **struggles** in each scene. In **Math**, we're completed out unit on place **value, comparing numbers, rounding, regrouping, and ungrouping** with an assessment next week. Next, we'll be looking at **multiplication** with 1, 2, and 3 digit numbers. Our Social Studies unit on **Geography** is wrapping up next week with an assessment on locating the U.S, and comparing the **Midwest region**, to another we've been working on. We'll be starting our unit on **plants and animals** for our first unit in **Science** in the next.

## Genius Hour

Today, kids did some brainstorming about possible project ideas and have begun meeting with me to finalize plans. Feel free to research and explore ideas with them over the weekend. More info [here](#)

## Styluses

As we begin to use the ipads more, it's becoming clear that many would benefit from using styluses. If you have one you'd be willing to send

in, that would be great. Any extras you can donate will be shared with classmates.

## Ipads coming home!

Now that we're more comfortable using them, kids will bring home the ipads next week. They'll be using them to do a "get to know me" project. They might bring them 2-4 days next week, and should return them to school each day. Details on the project can be found [here](#).

## Reading Pizza Party

All but a couple of kids attended our first party today. Hopefully kids are already working on this month's total. Another 400+ minutes will be due Nov. 2!

## Halloween party

Our **Halloween Party** will be on Friday, Oct. 30. This year we will be doing a rotation style party with the other 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. Kids will spend about 30-40 min. in each room doing crafts, activities, and playing games. We'll start before lunch around 11:15, and finish up by 2:00. Lunch is from 12:30 – 1:05. The parade will be at 2:15, and we'll enjoy treats and a movie to wrap up the day. If you'd like to help out that day, and/or provide treats for after the parade, please use the signup genius link [here](#).

## Reminders

- **Today** – Last Day of **swimming\***
- Fri, Oct. 16 – PTO Ice cream dance party
- Fri, Oct. 30 – Halloween party/parade
- Mon, Nov. 2 – Oct. reading minutes due
- Nov. 10 – 12 – Parent/Teacher conferences
- Tues, Nov. 17 – *Rescheduled* Picture retakes

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, Pete Goers