

Dear Parents,

I look forward to meeting with you next week to discuss your child's strengths and areas for improvement. Please consider using the conference reflection sheet I've sent home to help focus our limited time. Donations of **pencils** (believe it or not) and **12" x 12" sheets of plywood** are appreciated.

What's happening in Class

In **reading**, we've completed our first module in the new reading series featuring a narrative, biography, and non-fiction piece about scientists. We've been working on using **quotation marks** correctly in our writing, and identifying **fragments**, and **run-on sentences**. Kids continue to work on strategies for **Spelling**. In **writing**, we're wrapping up our study of **realistic fiction**. We've talked about using memorable **endings**, and will be putting the finishing touches on our work next week. In **Math**, we're still working on **multiplication** with 1, 2, and 3 digit numbers. We've got another week or two before we take the unit test, and move on to **division**. Our **Science** unit on **plants and animals** is wrapping up in another week or so with a look at food webs, and how plants and animals depend on each other, and how small changes in **ecosystems** can have huge impacts.

4th grade T-shirts have been ordered, and should be here in another week or so. Thanks again to the PTO for purchasing them!

Conferences

I'm sending home conference forms you can use to make sure you get specific questions and concerns addressed when we meet next week. Don't feel you have to do them, but I'd like to use our conference time to talk about what you'd like to talk about.

Report cards will be going home with parents at conferences.

Ipad update

We are working to solve a few issues that have been popping up. One is that iPads are returning not fully charged. We'll try having iPads be plugged in and charging at certain times here at school each day, (lunch, specials, etc.) so if you

can help kids to remember their charger AND iPads each day, it would help out. We don't have any "extra" iPads kids can use, so life gets tricky at school for them without it. Thanks again for your flexibility and support, and let me know of any other issues that arise.

Calendar app

Keeping track of and using agenda books consistently is something that's tricky for some of our kids. There are a few kids in class experimenting with using the calendar app instead. It's still a work in progress, but if it works well, it might be a nice way to save \$4 next fall.

Math volunteers wanted

My efforts to clone myself have fallen short thus far. I'm looking for people to help with and check classwork, answer questions, and do my taxes. If you're interested and available in the mornings, between 8:45 and 9:45 on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, let me know.

Book Fair

We will be going as a class to preview books and create wish lists on Monday, Nov. 16. You're welcome to join us for shopping on **Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 1:00-1:30**

Reminders

- Nov. 10 – 12 – Parent/Teacher conferences
- Fri, Nov. 13 – No school for kids
- **Friday, Nov. 22 reading party for Nov.**
- Tues, Nov. 17 – *Rescheduled* Picture retakes
- Tues, Nov. 24 – Purple/Green spirit day
- Nov. 25-29 Thanksgiving break

As always, if you'd ever like to discuss anything happening here at school, please feel free to contact me. **Quincy Elementary (616) 748-4700 ex.5731** pgoers@zps.org

Sincerely,
Pete Goers