

**Dowell Elementary
4th Grade News
November and
December 2016**

**MATH FACT FLUENCY
PRACTICE**

Please continue to support your child in mastering QUICK RECALL (3 seconds) of multiplication and division facts. Students should be practicing their facts for at least 10-15 minutes nightly at home.

Thank you!

Thank you for all of the candy corn donations for our lanyard celebration. We have extra bags left over so we will be using them during our Thanksgiving class rotations. Thank you to the chaperones on our One Room School House field trip. The students enjoy learning from their parents and friend's parents. We also would like to thank our volunteers that come in weekly help us.

COMING SOON...

11/8- Election Day- No school
11/11- Parent conferences
11/23-25 Thanksgiving break
11/28- Baker field trip
11/29-Pellegrino field trip
11/30=Geiger field trip
12/1= Cox field trip
12/16- Interims
12/22- 2 hour early release
12/23-1/2 Winter break

On the back of this newsletter, you will find information on what your child will be studying in each content area for the month. Please engage your child in a conversation about these topics and skills.

If at anytime you would like to request a conference, please feel free to email your child's

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**4th Grade
Content Focus
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Reading:

Students will complete the unit, Actions Speak Louder than Words by applying appropriate strategies to monitor understanding when reading, viewing, or listening to a text. Students will also determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text. They will then begin the unit Weather Wonder and Woes. The focus for this unit is weather and weather-related hazards, also known as extreme weather. Students will explore how weather is both wonderful and also woeful. They will read a variety of texts, including websites, informational articles, and a novel, to explore the theme and the guiding question – How does weather impact us?



Language Arts:

Our phonics focus these months will be the spellings for long e and long i. We will also be working on the following roots: struct, script, tele, and spec. As well as the suffixes –able and –ness and the prefixes mis- and en-. Students are also working on their narrative writing unit.



Math:

We are learning about multiplying multi-digit numbers. Students will also learn about area and perimeter in math class. The concept of dividing up to 4 digits by 1 digit will be taught during these months as well.



Science:

We are finishing up our unit on fossils. We will be taking a field trip to Calvert Marine Museum.

We will begin our new unit called, Changing Landforms. Students will focus on erosion and the weathering of rocks.



SOCIAL STUDIES:

Students will be asked: How does the geography of a region affect the way people make a living? They will analyze the three geographic regions of Maryland. They will use geographic characteristics to describe regional similarities and differences. As well as, identify and locate physical and human made features of Maryland.