

# Mrs. Wilson's Fourth Grade Newsletter

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**Math:** This week fourth graders review all chapter two content as they prepare for their test on Estimation and Number Theory. This includes estimating a sum, difference or product using rounding (or front-end estimation), estimating a quotient using a related multiplication fact, factors, common factors and greatest common factors, prime and composite numbers, multiples, common multiples and least common multiples and multiplying using array models and area models. Monday's schedule includes videos to review each and every one of these topics.

Monday and Tuesday's math work is a practice test. On Wednesday we'll review each and every question. Friday's test will look very similar... I do, however, add a few comments to the practice test to help guide thinking and make directions clear. My notes won't be on Friday's textbook test. I have faith fourth graders will figure it out.

**Writing:** Fourth graders are in the final steps of writing personal narratives. They know personal narratives are true stories based on events from the writer's life with topics that matter to them. We spent some time brainstorming and narrowing topic choices. Fourth grade personal narratives include descriptions of setting and character with interesting details, dialogue (punctuated correctly!), a hooking start and a take – away message. We've taken our time in the last few weeks, focusing on each element. Now we take our first drafts, get and give peer feedback, write final drafts and publish for sharing.

Our personal narratives are the first of three major pieces published in fourth grade. By the end of the year fourth graders will write an informational text based on a topic they already know well and do not need to research and a persuasive piece based on a topic they feel strongly about. Check our fourth grade common core writing standards at <http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/W/4/>

## Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

**Resources:** Check out the [SEL page for 4th grade](#) on our school website. Mrs. Dickerson posts corresponding [Home Links](#) there for the lessons we're doing in Second Step. You can scroll down through the document to the lesson we're learning for any particular week to get reinforcement ideas for home...also available [in Spanish](#).

**Thank you!** Thank you parents, for helping your fourth grader break open family stories and ponder big ideas such as service, sacrifice and love. Student reflection is an important part of our OLG Veterans Day Assembly Zoom.

What an honor to have our own Guadalupe parent, Colonel Anthony Angello, as our guest speaker. He encouraged us to think of three elements of service: fun, challenge and sacrifice. Colonel Angello gave specific examples from his life pointing to medals on his uniform to make his words concrete.

Hear his talk at <https://vimeo.com/477755150>

Thank you, OLG parents, for sharing family stories of service. Thank you to all our Guadalupe veterans. We are blessed, indeed.

**Social Studies:** What are natural resources? What impacts climate? Why is it wetter in Western Washington compared with Eastern Washington? The study of location, places and culture and how these interact is fascinating! Fourth graders are learning our state's geography by sketching the state, boundaries, regions, major rivers and cities. We use a video clip, pausing frequently. The only change, we call our region Western Lowlands while the video uses Puget Sound. Check out <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dyEHDwvKEzA>

## Dates to Remember:

Friday, 11-20, 9AM: Family Group Zoom, more information to come.

Wednesday, 11-25: noon dismissal

11-26 and 11-27: No School. Happy Thanksgiving