

Dear Parents,

Thanks for your continued support and flexibility with having iPads come home. We will continue to work through issues as they arise. There are a few who still need to schedule PT conferences. Please click on the [link](#) to get started, and let me know if you have any trouble.

What's happening in Class

In **reading**, we've been working on comprehension strategies like **checking for understanding**, **visualizing**, and **using picture clues**. We've been working on **grammar**, including simple, complex, and compound **sentences**, **auxiliary verbs**, and adding **suffixes**. Kids continue to work on strategies for **Spelling**. They should be bringing home word lists on Monday. In **writing**, we've been working on mixing dialog with narration, and starting stories with engaging leads. In **Math**, we've begun our unit on **multiplication** with 1, 2, and 3 digit numbers. We'll be moving to more traditional methods of computation shortly. Our **Science** unit on **plants and animals** is under way. Kids wrote hypotheses about what **plants** need, and established procedures to test them. We'll be learning about what animals need, and how plants and animals depend on each other, and how small changes in **ecosystems** can have huge impacts.

Genius Hour

I plan to meet with as many kids as possible today to get them going on projects. I'm excited about the possibilities now that iPads are coming home with regularity. Kids are allowed to update proposals over the weekend.

Ipad update

Most kids have completed their "get to know me" iMovie, but there are several who may need to complete it this weekend. You can see the completed movies [here](#). The password is **snowday** (all one word).

CHARGING – Kids should have a charging cord assigned to them to use at home or school. Please help them remember to bring both the iPad and charger each day.

WIN (What I need)

We finally launched WIN time this week with a couple days of procedures and establishing routines. 3 classes of 4th graders are being divided into 6 different groups, focusing on what each child needs to become a better reader. We will be reevaluating placements and needs of kids in January.

Math help

I hope you've found the recent videos I've sent to be helpful. I'm trying to get better at sending those more regularly. You'll find a collection of strategies on our site [here](#). You'll also be able to view homework pages, and print them if need be, from the same page. Just click on the "homework" button once you're there.

Halloween

As a reminder, our **Halloween Party** will be next Friday, Oct. 30. Kids will be rotating through the other 4th grade classes, spending 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 come and help out, but haven't signed up, please let me know so I can let the office know!

Reminders

- Fri, Oct. 30 – Halloween party 11:15 – 2:00
Costume parade at 2:15, then snack/movie
- **Mon, Nov. 2 – 400+ 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 (616) 748-4700 ex.5731** pgoers@zps.org

Sincerely,
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