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Dear Fourth Grade Parents,

It was a pleasure to meet with you on Curriculum Night! If you have any questions please feel free to contact us through email, a note, or a phone call. We will be happy to talk with you!

In math we have just completed our first chapter on place value. We will be continuing to practice place value as we compare and order numbers into chapter two. Please work with those flash cards to assist in basic fact fluency!

In reading we are moving through the stories in the basal reader. We have finished the story The Gardener and are practicing making inferences as good readers. When readers make inferences they “read between the lines” in order to better understand what they are reading! We practice this strategy in using the QAR framework as well.

Science has started with a bang! We introduced the unit with an experiment where the students used microscopes to view onion cells. In lesson 1, the big idea was that cells are the building blocks of life and that plant cells and animal cells are not created the same. Lesson 2 moves into the idea that all living things are classified based on their attributes.

The theme in all classes for social studies has been geography. The first lesson works with the ideas of geography and where we (the United States) are located in the world. We then move into landforms found in the United States.

Please continue to check your child’s assignment notebooks daily. Thank you for your support at home in reinforcing the use of this valuable study and organizational tool.

Sincerely,  
The Fourth Grade Team