

FOURTH GRADE NEWS

October 6, 2008

CURRICULUM

We are beginning to study animals in Science. In Social Studies we have begun to study elevation maps, regions of the United States, land forms and bodies of water.

BOOK FAIR

Mrs. Spicer has sent a flyer home about the book fair. All the information is there. Just to let you know we are browsing on Tuesday October 10 and the students will be able to buy books at library time. Fourth Grade has library on Wednesday afternoon. This is a great chance to buy books if there is something your child is particularly interested in.

ITBS

ITBS testing will take place during the week of October 16. It is really important that students get enough sleep and eat breakfast so that they can do a good job on the tests. Hopefully you have not scheduled appointments during this time. If anything comes up let me know and we'll try to work around it. They are hard to make up and the tests give teachers information about students which is very helpful.

RUBRIC

I have enclosed a rubric that I will begin to use for grading Reading Workshop. I am including a copy of a Thinkmark in case you are not familiar with them. They will be used in groups as well as independently. Student reflect on what they are reading and write about it using the reading strategies.