



**MRS. AUSTIN'S
FROGGY NEWS**

**Diamond
Elementary**
Diamond, Missouri
4th grade

October Classroom Newsletter

Monthly Review

We have been very busy this past month. The students have been learning many new concepts and reviewing some old ones. We have been working on various comprehension skills in reading. In Math we have worked on Subtraction, Addition along with Place Value, and Rounding.



Up Coming Events

Rise and Shine – Friday, Oct. 4

Parent Teacher Conference – Thursday, Oct. 17

No School – Monday, Oct. 18 & 21st

Fourth Grade Halloween Party – Thursday, Oct. 31st (More info later)

Book Reports Due – Thursday, Oct. 31st

Math Work

As you know we have started an incentive plan for the month of October to encourage our students to memorize their addition and subtraction facts. If a student can correctly complete 80 addition facts and 80 subtraction facts in 4 minutes each, their name will be put in a drawing for a \$25.00 gift card. The class with the most students in the drawing will also have a celebration in their classroom.

We are doing this to aid the students in being successful with multiplication, division and eventually the higher level math like Algebra. If a student already has their basic math facts memorized then they are able to focus on the procedures for multiplication and division, and not be distracted with trying to figure out how to add $8+5$ or $12-7$.

This Month's Reading Focus

We have started our leveled reading groups in the classroom. Your child should have a reading assignment almost every evening. I try to keep the amount of reading manageable for their busy schedules. The groups will change from time to time as the students' progress in their reading, or if there is a particular skill that I need to address.

Classroom Needs

- White copy paper (for math journals)
- Candy (for planner signing reward)
- Bubble Gum (for 5 Minute Math reward)



Homecoming Events

Monday – Pajama Day

Tuesday – Super Hero Day

Wednesday – Dress Your Best – School Pictures

Thursday – Sunglasses

Friday – Black and Gold

Dates: 9/30-10/4

Upcoming Events

Fourth Grade Halloween Event

This activity will include all three 4th grade classrooms. We have our party in the cafeteria right after the costume parade. Each class will be rotated through three games and a snack time. Each classroom has a different game.

Austin – Zombie Suckers

Higgs – Bubble Gum/Applesauce Game

Cope – Mummy Wrap

The teachers will be sending out notes at a later date listing all the items needed for our Halloween party.