

February 1, 2013

Dear Parents and Families,

We are approaching the halfway mark of our school year! Your child has been working very hard this year in fourth grade! A few reminders as we move forward into the next marking period:

- Your child is expected to work on homework **every** night. I give them a variety of spelling, math, and ELA tasks to work on each school night. It is important to your child's educational career that they develop good homework and study habits.
- Every night (including weekends) your child should read for at least 30 minutes and record their readings in their reading log that is turned in every Monday.
- Students will be taking state tests in April and May- we will be working very hard to prepare for these upcoming tests.
- It is crucial that your child attend school every day unless they are ill. If they are out for any reason, if possible, please provide a note for the reason of their absence.
- We have expanded the time we spend on our spelling words to two weeks so that each child has the opportunity to understand the meaning and spelling patterns we have worked with. They will have a variety of spelling tasks to complete each night and be tested on the words every other Friday.
- We have a classroom website that your child can access outside of school:
<http://www.rcsdk12.org//Domain/2241>
There are links on this website that students can access to help with their math fluency and ELA comprehension and fluency skills.
- Your child should be **very** comfortable and fluent in their multiplication and division facts. It is very important that your child master these facts soon as they will use those skills from every grade on past this year.
- Beginning next week, we will start to focus on the "7 Habits of Highly Effective Kids." Please ask your child to share with you what the "Habit of the Week" is.

If there are any other questions or concerns you may have about your child, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can reach me at (585) 482-9290 or mailan.nguyen@rcsdk12.org.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support!

Ms. Nguyen