



# 4th Grade Newsletter

November 25-27, 2019

Dear 4th Grade Families,

One of my favorite parts of Thanksgiving dinner (besides the stuffing and pumpkin pie) is when we go around the table and share what we are thankful for. This is a tradition that always reminds me that I should be more intentional about doing this all the time and not just on one day. The responses sometimes surprise me as family members share things that seem silly or insignificant, but it stuck with them enough to be mentioned. This year, I am grateful for you and all your support this year! I am thankful that I am fortunate to get to know your students this year and be a part of their lives. I am thankful for the endless supply of Reese's Peanut Butter Cups and Tootsie Rolls, and I am thankful that you partner with me in shaping the heart and soul of your child. I hope that your family's Thanksgiving is a sweet time of enjoying family, food, and one another. During this short week in math, we will continue working with mixed numbers and improper fractions. In language arts we will continue to review prepositions and write an opinion paragraph. We're still adventuring through Sherwood Forest with *Robin Hood* and his band. In history we will learn the history behind our new poem "The Reeds of Runnymede." In science we will catch up in our geology unit so we can continue learning about plate tectonics, volcanoes, and earthquakes when we return from the long weekend.

## Announcements:

- Please make sure to check your scholar's red folder each week when it comes home on Wednesdays. The students receive points in Language Arts for bringing back the folder on Thursday, emptied, and signed by an adult.
- We will continue to work with fractions with unlike denominators. This video reviews how to find common denominators to compare three fractions: [Ordering Fractions Video](#).

### Upcoming Tests

**Tuesday:** Math Quiz

### Dates to Note:

**Wednesday 11/27:** Half day

**Thurs. 11/28 - Fri. 11/29:** No school:  
Thanksgiving Break

### Classroom Needs:

PENCILS:

We are about 20 pencils away  
from being completely out.

*Best Regards,*

*Mrs. Raper and Mrs. Knopf*

# Poem Spotlight:

## The Reeds of Runnymede

By Rudyard Kipling

At Runnymede, at Runnymede  
What say the reeds at Runnymede?  
The lissom reeds that give and take,  
That bend so far, but never break,  
They keep the sleepy Thames awake  
With tales of John at Runnymede.

At Runnymede, at Runnymede,  
Oh, hear the reeds at Runnymede:--  
"You mustn't sell, delay, deny,  
A freeman's right or liberty.  
It makes the stubborn Englishry,  
We saw 'em roused at Runnymede!

"When through our ranks the Barons  
came,  
With little thought of praise or blame,  
But resolute to play the game,  
They lumbered up to Runnymede;  
And there they launched in solid time

The curt, uncompromising 'Sign!'  
That settled John at Runnymede.

"At Runnymede, at Runnymede,  
Your rights were won at Runnymede!  
No freeman shall be fined or bound,  
Or dispossessed of freehold ground,  
Except by lawful judgment found  
And passed upon him by his peers.  
Forget not, after all these years,  
The Charter Signed at Runnymede."

And still when Mob or Monarch lays  
Too rude a hand on English ways,  
The whisper wakes, the shudder plays,  
Across the reeds at Runnymede.  
And Thames, that knows the moods of  
kings,  
And crowds and priests and suchlike  
things,



*King John Lackland signs the Magna Carta at Runnymede in 1215.*