



4th Grade Newsletter

November 25-27, 2019

Dear 4th Grade Families,

During this short week in math, we will continue working with mixed numbers and improper fractions. In language arts we will write an opinion paragraph about a scientific discovery and continue our study of prepositions. 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 Fridays, and encourage them to look over their work and our corrections.
- 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](#).

Best Regards,

Mr. Rigas and Ms. Robb

Upcoming Tests

Wednesday 11/27: Mixed Numbers and Improper Fractions test

Dates to Note:

Wednesday 11/27: Half day

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

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 first attack on Right Divine--

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,
Rolls deep and dreadful as he brings
Their warning down from Runnymede!



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