



NEWS FROM  
**MRS. FLORIO'S HIGH FLYING FOURTH**  
WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2008

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4F has kicked into high gear during this second week of school!

### **WEEK AT A PEEK**

#### ***Math***

This week we started unit 1 in math, *Naming and Constructing Geometric Figures*. Highlights of our math lessons include:

- Creating various figures out of straws and twist ties
- Learning about rays, points, lines, and line segments
- Exploring various types of angles, polygons, and parallelograms

#### ***Science***

4F and Mrs. West's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class are teaming up for science. Together, we began our science unit by learning about systems. Ask your child about the song he or she wrote and performed about systems! We are moving forward by learning about the skeletal system (not the digestive system, as was originally communicated). We observed each other jumping rope and made predictions about which bones are involved in this activity. We also predicted how many bones are in various parts of our bodies and we will continue our lessons by learning more about our skeletal systems.

#### ***Language Arts***

In reading, we are exploring making various text connections and practicing other strategies to deepen our comprehension of text. We talked about choosing "just right" books and had the opportunity to visit our school library earlier this week. Each student is accountable for keeping a written record of reading done at school and at home. Nightly homework includes reading for at least 20 minutes and recording thoughts about the reading. Our writing lessons have focused on creating idea lists, exploring specific details about a single topic, and finding our focus when writing about our topics.

#### ***Spelling***

We also began our spelling unit. Each Monday we will have a pretest on the 10 words to be studied that week. Each Friday we will have a test on the 10 words studied. Tests will also include 4 additional extension words that use the same spelling pattern as the 10 words studied that week. Grades will be based on a total of 14 words. Spelling journals will be due each Thursday with a minimum of 40 points of spelling activities completed.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

Next week we will have our first “Family Fun Friday.” On the first Friday of each month, we invite all of our parents to come in for one hour with a game (preferably of an educational nature, such as Boggle, Scrabble, Mancala, etc). Small groups of students and parents will have fun playing, learning, and making special memories together. Please e-mail me to let me know if you will be attending next Friday, October 2, from 2:00 to 3:00. We hope to see you then!

## **HERE’S TO YOU!**

Each week I would like to recognize 2 students who showed exemplary behavior. This week I would like to recognize **Taylor**. Taylor is an enthusiastic girl who is always ready to learn. She consistently has a bright smile on her face. Taylor is usually seen offering help to other students and to me. It is a pleasure having Taylor in 4F! Next I would like to recognize **Sean**. Sean is a kind friend and a great listener. He shows commitment and dedication to his work and his classmates. We are lucky to have Sean in our class. I look forward to recognizing each member of our community in the weeks to come.

**HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!**