

News from 4L October 15, 2007

Science: We begin to study the *Energy We Get from Plants* which is Chapter Two in our textbooks. The new vocabulary contains the words: **photosynthesis, chlorophyll, pistil, sepal, stamen, ovary, fertilization,** and **dormant.**

I am trying something different with this chapter. I am sending the study guide home at the very beginning of the chapter. There is a lot to learn and help saying the facts aloud seems to really benefit the fourth grade. That test will be after Parent Conferences.

Math: The times tables are being quickly conquered! This week we will review the concepts of elapsed time and range, median, and mode.

Indiana History: TEST WEDNESDAY over Chapter One. The study guide will come home tonight (Monday).

Reading: This week we will read nonfiction story *Baseball Saved Us*. That vocabulary includes **crate, ditches, endless, glinting, inning,** and **mound.** This is a story set during WWII in the United States. The author tells his story of living in an internment camp with his family. It's heartwarming and I thought this baseball season would be an appropriate time for reading it. It is always my hope to teach my students about other kids their age who have had hugely different experiences.

Religion: We are coming in to our final stretch with our written reports about the Saints. Mrs. Castaneda is helping each student prepare a PowerPoint presentation. This is hugely popular with all of the students.

NOTES: Thanks for the quick reply to the conference scheduling forms. If other days of that week (Monday or Tuesday afternoon) work better for you, let me know and I will try to arrange that schedule.

Picture retakes are 10/30.

Have a great week ... there is no school this Friday, October 19. Enjoy an extra-long weekend.

Mrs. Loe