On Common Ground

Fourth Grade, Trimester 1

This newsletter provides an overview of what your child will learn based on the Missouri Learning Standards during the first trimester of fourth grade in reading, writing, and mathematics. It also offers ideas to support your child’s learning at home.

Reading

**At school, students will:**
- Use details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing conclusions from the text.
- Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story, drawing on specific details from a text.
- Determine the main idea of a text and explain how it is supported by details.
- Use charts, graphs, diagrams, timelines, animations, or interactive elements on Web pages and explain how the information supports understanding the text.
- Read poetry accurately and expressively.

**At home, you can:**
- Ask your child to describe characters, settings, or events from books he/she is reading. Ask questions to encourage deeper explanations.
- Read news and magazine articles and discuss the main idea and important details.
- Read and write poetry together.
- Read informational texts and discuss charts, graphs, diagrams, and timelines.

Writing

**At school, students will:**
- Write narrative stories that include a narrator and/or characters, a natural sequence of events, and a conclusion that follows from the narrated events.
- Use dialogue and description to develop experiences and events or show the responses of characters to situations.
- Consider the task, purpose, and audience of their writing when developing and organizing their work.
- Plan, revise, and edit their writing with support from peers and adults.
- Use print and digital sources to collect information and provide a list of sources.

**At home, you can:**
- Encourage your child to keep a personal journal or diary.
- Show your child how to use books and the Internet to find factual information on topics that are of interest to him/her.
- Involve your child in authentic writing experiences, such as writing letters to friends or family members.
- Show your child how to use quotation marks.

Mathematics

**At school, students will:**
- Recall and use multiplication and division facts with ease.
- Solve multistep word problems using all four operations.
- Identify and use place value positions of whole numbers to one million.
- Multiply a whole number of up to four digits by one digit (e.g., 4,291 x 6).
- Multiply two, two-digit numbers (e.g., 23 x 91).

**At home, you can:**
- Practice multiplication and division facts with flash cards or Stretch (online resource provided by the district).
- Encourage your child to use both drawings and equations when solving problems.
- Practice multiplying large numbers by one and two digit numbers.