

BARBARA BUSH
ELEMENTARY

SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:

- Safety symbols
- Matter
- Multiplication Facts
- Texas Traditions and landforms
- Parent Writing Night
- Bluebonnet Books
- Wordly Wise

QUOTE OF
THE MONTH:

"Dive into
your own
skills!"

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Stanislaw
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September Newsletter

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Welcome Back to School!

We have weekly vocabulary quizzes in **reading** through our Wordly Wise curriculum. We are also working to read several books off the Bluebonnet Book list. Students will have a chance to vote on their favorite book in January, but they must have read at least 5 books off the list!

The list is available in

the library or on the Bush website:
www.bushelementary.org



DIVE into Reading!

We will use these books to learn note-taking skills and listen-

ing strategies, as well as summarization.

The **Writing** TAKS test is new in 4th grade. Parent Writing Night is September 9 6:00-7:45. Please make this a priority! The PTO graciously provides dinner, and all the 4th grade writing teachers will talk with you about the best ways to help your child with writing skills. We will pass out a Homework Pass to those students who stay for the entire session!

4th Grade 2009-2010

We have begun learning Texas traditions and cultures in **Social Studies**. We will quickly move into landforms and waterways. Tests will be at the end of each unit. These dates will be in your child's agenda!

Diving into numeration for **math**! Be sure to make a big splash by practicing correct oral pronunciation of large numbers up to the millions place. Writing and recognizing values is important, too. Brush up on those fact skills by using flashcards or computer games at

home. Daily practice will help with memorization. Emphasize showing your work and explaining your strategy to help make your child a better problem solver. Safety first, please! We want to make **science** hands-on and fun while ensuring that we follow all the safety rules. We are familiarizing ourselves with safety symbols and procedures to ensure a fun and safe time experimenting. We want to develop safe scientists!

Next we will be learning about the matter all around us. We will discover how heat plays a part in changing matter.

We will explore density and buoyancy, as well as mixtures and solutions.

Spelling will be taught each week with a Spelling Test on Fridays. Is your child a good speller? We will have a Spelling Bee in January!

Tips for a Fantastic Fourth Grade:

- check your child's agenda nightly
- check Communication Folder every Wednesday night
- help your child balance study time with recreational time
- daily attendance is very important
- review spelling words nightly