

November Newsletter

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ELEMENTARY

SPECIAL POINTS OF IN- TEREST:

- **Writing TAKS Practice: Nov 6**
- **Verbs and Webbed Paragraphs**
- **Focus on Multiplication and Division**
- **Electricity and Magnetism**
- **Arrays and area models**

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

The cost of educating a child today is immense. But the cost of not educating a child is incalculable.
-Anonymous

Mrs. Jensen and Ms. Ross

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Reading, Language Arts and Social Studies

Mrs. Jensen's class will be finishing Kite Fighters this month. We have learned how to compare and contrast through discussions of cultural differences as we read. We've also learned about kite fighting. Your child may ask to go fly a kite! Ms. Ross's class will finish Sarah, Plain and Tall this month. We have learned a lot of vocabulary regarding Maine and the ocean as well as farming in the Midwest. We're having our second **Writing TAKS**

Presentation on Thursday, November 5! It is important that your child is in school that day! Students



will have a chance to show their new knowledge on a practice TAKS Writing day on Friday, Nov. 6. In grammar, we've learned the difference in a linear paragraph and a webbed

paragraph. We want sentences in paragraphs to be linked to each other, thus webbed! We will be learning all about verbs next!

We're learning about the earliest Texans in **Social Studies**. We're focusing on the people that lived here before Texas was even called Texas! We're also focusing on reference skills! We're learning when to use atlases, almanacs, encyclopedias, dictionaries, and thesauruses!

Math and Science

We will begin our multiplication unit this month. We will be modeling factors and products using arrays and area models. In addition, we will be representing our multiplication problems in picture, word and number form. By using patterns to develop strategies, this will help the students remember basic math facts. This should help everyone who is still having difficulty with

their facts. Please assist your child in studying their flash cards at home or while driving in the car. This month we are rockin' out with the rock cycle. We will be learning about the different types of rocks and how they are formed. We will begin by studying the composition of soil. Next, we will begin learning all about the rock cycle, starting with

igneous rocks and moving to weathering and erosion. From weather and erosion, we will learn how sedimentary rocks are formed. Finally, we will examine the formation of metamorphic rocks. Then we will put them all together and **create** the rock cycle. The rock cycle is very important in fourth grade. Please make sure your children are studying their notes frequently.