

4th Grade Fun

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First quarter will soon be over. This month we start a unit on plants in science. A light box that Mike Davidson built for fourth grade last year has been dusted off and put back into use. We're growing "fast plants" and the class should be able to observe the entire life cycle of *Brassica rapa* in just 40 days.

By now students should be more than halfway to their AR reading goal. Next week we'll begin a book about the famous American botanist and scientist, George Washington Carver. Unit 2 in math covers data, graphing and time. In English we'll study homophones, pronouns, possessives, and contractions. The class will also write a persuasive paragraph. If you have any questions about your child's grades please don't hesitate to contact me.

Important Information!

JPL Tour: Fourth graders need to be at school by 7:00 am on Tuesday, October 12. Cars will leave promptly at 7:15 am. Parents who are driving their own children are welcome to meet us at the Jet Propulsion Lab. If you are not at school by 7:00 am, I will assume that you are planning to meet us in Pasadena. The tour program runs from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. Students need to pack a lunch that day. We will eat at a park outside of the facility and then head back to school. Hopefully we'll be back on campus by 2:30. Here's my cell number if you need to text me or call: (760) 333-9021.

MGA Fall Fair: Fourth grade's fundraising booth is a giant inflatable slide. Children will be able to either purchase \$10.00 wristbands that will give them an all-day pass to the slide or they can pay a ticket for each slide. I'll need fourth grade parents/volunteers to help decorate and supervise our booth. A sign-up sheet will be on the door next week. Just a reminder, if you haven't already signed up or brought items for our entry in the silent auction (**Italian Basket**), please check the sign-up sheet to see what we still need and bring the items to our classroom by next Friday.