Reminders:

* What a wonderful first week of fourth grade it has been! Thank you for sharing your children with us. ☺
* Students should be bringing home planners every night. Please review their assignments (this will build slightly as our first week comes to a close) and sign each day. Thank you!
* See you this Thursday, 9/1, at Back to School Night! Come to one session – 5-6pm or 6-7pm.

The WEEKS AHEAD

9/1 - Back to School Night 5-6pm or 6-7pm

9/5 - School Closed / Labor Day

9/9 - Wellness Day

9/9 – Bethke Run Series- 1K

9/13- PTO Meeting 6:30pm Cafeteria

9/16 - Picture Day

9/16 - Bethke Golf Tournament 1pm

9/23 - School Closed / Collaboration Day

**Academics:**

Math:

This week in math we spent time talking about and practicing how to best work in cooperative groups. We completed several fun activities centered on building perseverance when working on challenging math problems. Ask your child about “Four 4s,” or “Pascal’s Triangle.” We didn’t shed any tears, but our brains did grow with the challenge! We will begin PSD’s math enVision curriculum next week.

Reading/Literacy/Writing:

In reading, fourth graders reviewed various genres in preparation for their 25 (year-long) Book Challenge. We also reviewed choosing appropriate books for our level and really settled in to our in-class reading time. The year is off to a great start in writing – we’ve completed some beginning of year writing samples and our introduction to Google Classroom, a blended learning platform students will use to complete assignments in a paperless way.

Core:

Students are creating a foldable map-masterpiece to review geography and maps for our beginning of year Core/History unit. They are enjoying crafting as they learn about the oceans and continents, maps and globes, the advantages and disadvantages of maps, and the various types of maps.