Reminders:

* We have completed our third week of school! Wow, these kids are doing so well! It’s been a busy few weeks. Keep scrolling for details on what we are doing in each subject.
* Wellness Day today was so much fun! We got to see and experience lots of new activities and sports with our friends.
* Note that Picture Day is next Friday, 9/16! ☺

The WEEKS AHEAD

9/13- PTO Meeting 6:30pm Cafeteria

9/16 - Picture Day

9/16 - Bethke Golf Tournament 1pm

9/23 - School Closed / Collaboration Day

10/7 PTO Fall Social

10/10 - Vision & Hearing Screening

10/11 & 12 - Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30 pm

10/13 - No School, Conferences

10/14– No School

10/21 - Picture Retake Day

10/28 - Halloween parade and parties

**Academics:**

Math:

We are in week two of enVision math. Kids are working hard!These last two weeks centered on place value and rounding, into the hundred-thousands, and comparing these numbers extensively. We’ve used a lot of real-world examples to show the need for rounding-- using distance, population and “views” of videos, etc. Fourth graders are writing to state their conjectures, and are solving multi-step, deep-thinking problems.

Reading/Literacy/Writing:

Students are truly enjoying Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing during our reading block. The themes in this novel are classic (you may have read this yourself in elementary school!) and so relatable. We are making connections are we read each chapter, summarizing chunks of the story, and doing some character analysis as well. Reading spans the course of the day in fourth grade-- we read to learn in math, history and science as well. We are writing about the “Best Part of Me,” for fun, and honing our great-short-answer craft and summaries as we move through Tales.

Core:

We are taking a break from literal cut and paste and have moved to digital learning in our new History unit— The American Revolution. We are reading a well-written core textbook to see what life was life for the colonists, and will present what we learn in digital format as the weeks progress. What a rich curriculum we have here at Bethke for Social Studies and Science- we are so fortunate!

Science:

Fourth graders are 2/3 the way through their first science rotation! They are currently learning with their homeroom teacher for science, but will begin to rotate the week after next. The first half of the year students will learn about these science units: Magnetism and Electricity, Meteorology, Chemistry I and II, and The Scientific Method. Exciting, stuff!