On Common Ground

FOURTH GRADE- MARKING PERIOD 3: 2012-2013

This newsletter provides an overview of what your child will learn based on the Common Core State Standards during the second marking period of fourth grade in reading, writing, and mathematics. It also offers ideas to support your child's learning at home.

Reading

At school, students will:

- Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support points in a text.
- Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in text.
- Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in an informational text. Explain what happened and why based on specific details from the text.
- Read two informational texts and use the information to speak about a subject knowledgeably.

At home, you can:

- Ask your child questions about stories he/she is reading; have him/her use parts of the story to explain his/her thinking.
- Find poetry or plays to read or watch together.
- Find stories, myths, and traditional literature at the library or on the internet; discuss themes and topics of the text.
- Discuss informational texts on a topic of interest to the child.

Writing

At school, students will:

- Write opinion pieces on topics or texts. Support point of view and include reasons or information for that point of view.
- Use technology to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate keyboarding skills in order to type one page of text in a single setting.
- Conduct short research projects that allow students to investigate a topic and build knowledge of that topic.
- Add audio recordings and visual displays to presentations.

At home, you can:

- Encourage your child to keep a personal journal or diary to tell his/her own stories.
- Include your child in real-life writing experiences. (e.g., write a letter to a family member to share recent events).
- Show your child how to use books and online resources to gather information on a topic.
- Encourage your child to practice typing on the computer.

Math

At school, students will:

- Estimate and measure temperatures, lengths, areas, and weights.
- Identify, draw, and classify angles, including straight, right, obtuse, and acute.
- Draw and identify points, lines, line segments, ray, angles, and perpendicular and parallel lines.
- Model and compute range (i.e., the difference between the largest and smallest number in a set).
- Model and compute mean (i.e., average), median (i.e., middle number), and mode (i.e., most frequently occurring number) when given a set.
- Create frequency tables and line plots to organize data.

At home, you can:

- Practice estimating outdoor temperatures and confirm by checking the current weather conditions on the internet.
- Estimate weights, lengths, and areas.
- Look at sets of numbers and determine the range, mean, median, and mode.
- Look for angles in everyday life. Determine the types of angles.

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WHAT ARE THE COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS (CCSS)?

- **The Common Core State Standards initiative was a state-led effort to establish a shared set of clear academic standards for English Language arts and Mathematics that states may voluntarily adopt. The standards have been created based on the best available evidence and the highest state standards across the country.**
- **The standards were created by a group of teachers, content experts, school administrators, and parents.**
- **The goal of the standards is to ensure that students graduating from high school are prepared to go to college or enter the workforce and that parents, teachers, and students have a clear understanding of what is expected from them.**
- **The standards are also benchmarked to international standards to guarantee that students are competitive in the emerging global marketplace.**

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A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find "filler" articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

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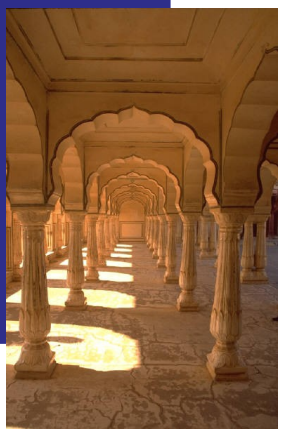

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Organization

What are the
Common Core STATE standards(CCSS)?

Primary Business Address
Your Address Line 2
Your Address Line 3
Your Address Line 4
Phone: 555-555-5555
Fax: 555-555-5555
E-mail: someone@example.com

Your business tag line here.

This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

We're on the Web!
example.com

Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

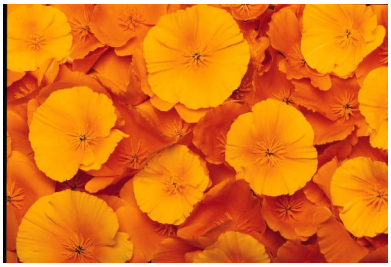
If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.



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