Mrs. Duncan’s

November Newsletter

 Please take a few minutes to read about the standards we will be learning and the activities we will be doing this month.

**Math**- We just finished our unit on multiplying two, two-digit numbers. We will continue to review this standard throughout the school year. Please encourage your child to practice multiplication facts at home. If you have the Internet at home, your child can use Xtramath to practice. A letter was sent home last month explaining this program and how to log on. Timed multiplication tests will continue to be administered twice a week.

 This month we will be learning about prime and composite numbers. A prime number only has 2 factors. A composite number has more than 2 factors. The students need to be able to list all the factors for a given number and identify it as prime or composite.

 Next week, we will be starting a unit on division. The students need to be able to divide a four-digit number by a one-digit number. It is very helpful if the students have their multiplication facts memorized.

**Science-** This month we have been learning about energy. The students enjoyed designing insulated containers to prevent an ice cube from melting. They also did an experiment comparing three different types of light bulbs. This week, they will be designing puff mobiles, which run on wind energy. They will be racing their puff mobiles next week. They will also be finding the kilowatts used in different devices. They will have a test on energy next week. A study guide will be sent home at least two days prior to the test.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.