Mrs. Duncan’s October

Newsletter

 Please take a few minutes to read about the standards we will be covering in October.

**Math-** This month, the students will be learning different strategies to multiply a one-digit number by a four-digit number and multiply two-digits by two-digits. It is very important that students memorize the basic multiplication facts. Your child should be practicing multiplication facts for ten minutes each night. We will be taking timed multiplication tests each week on Tuesday and Thursday. Students were given a paper with the levels they need to study each week. This paper will remain in their take home folder, so they can refer to it each week at home when they are studying. Students will remain on a level until it is passed.

 This year the students will continue using an app on their iPads called ixl. The ixl program gives students practice on different standards we are covering in class, as well as providing differentiated instruction based on each student’s math level. Students can also log into this website at home to help them with their math skills.

**Social Studies**- We have been learning and applying map skills this month. The students are learning to use a map scale and find relative directions. They enjoyed working with partners to plan a trip across Ohio and learn about different points of interest. They researched places to visit in Ohio and found relative directions and distances between the cities they visited. They are excited to make salt clay maps of Ohio this week. Recipes were sent home last week for this project.

**Science-** We will start a unit on weathering and erosion at the end of the month. The students will be doing many hands-on activities as part of this unit.

**Upcoming Events: Monday, October 23- No School (In-Service Day)**

 **Friday, Oct. 27- End of 1st Quarter**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

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