

# GRADE 4 NEWS

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Dear Parents

Welcome to the April and our final term. I am happy to be back after a weird last couple of months! For those not wearing masks I am very much enjoying seeing their little faces!

Here are a couple of things we are working on in Grade 4 this month.

**LITERATURE CIRCLES.** We will be starting *literature circles* (or a book club) this month for about 6 weeks. *Each week* students will be assigned a certain amount of independent reading, a written response task, and on meeting day will be expected to share their ideas in small groups. They will be given time in class every day to work on their lit circles reading and writing.

They will also be expected to be working on their reading and writing task *at home* as well. This is a great opportunity for parents to help get involved in their child's **reading** at home, especially if you have a struggling or reluctant reader. There are many ways to get involved if you are interested and have time (15-20 mins on any night). For example, have your child read their book aloud, ask your child to tell you about their book, ask them questions about their book, or help them with the vocabulary task each week (help explain words they don't know). With my own kids, especially the one that hated reading, we took turns reading, I read a page and he read a page.

**MATH.** In math this month we will be learning about fractions. We will continue to work on our math fact fluency with multiplication and division. Please keep working on memorizing timetables at home regularly.

Sincerely,

Kate O'Brien