



Fast Track Newsletter

October 1-31, 2006

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Willard R-II Schools



Important Dates

Early Release @ 3:10 p.m.	Every Monday
Edible Map Donations	13th
Missouri Day	18th
3-D Maps due	20th
Student lead conferences	24th & 26th
No School	27th

Spelling

Please be looking for a list on Monday evenings for the current weeks spelling words.

Our procedure is to introduce twenty words on Monday, word sort on Tuesday, complete our look, say, cover, check on Wednesday, buddy check on Thursday, spelling test on Friday.

Spelling words are expected to be written in cursive on our test.



Fall has arrived!



Fall has arrived and we are well on our way in the Fourth Grade. Last month we completed our SRI's, DRA's, and the communication art Acuity test. We are now ready to go on with Guided Reading and Assisted Writing groups, I cannot wait to get started!

This month be looking for our class to engage in all sorts of new learning. In mathematics we will be working on counting

back change from ten dollars, solving word and number problems, collecting data, plotting/graphing/organizing information, as well as rocket math. Brush up on those multiplication facts!

In Social Studies we will be studying the geography of Missouri, its five regions, major cities, and points of interest. We have it in our plans to construct and 3-D map at home and an edible map in the classroom.

In Communication Arts we will be continually working on what authors do, revising and editing, student conferences, and author's chair (share time for our stories). We will also be kicking off Guided Reading. This will enable us to practice fluency and comprehension in a small group setting.

Watch out because Fourth Grade is on a roll in October!

News from Willard Central



The fall is here! Along with the fall comes student lead conferences. Please make plans to attend your child's classroom

on either October 24th or October 26th to see what exciting things they have been up to. I will contact you for a scheduled date and time, or if it

better serves you, please let me know which night will work best for you.

I look forward to seeing all of you again.



October 2006



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Early Release	3 Love and Logic Student council meeting	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Love and Logic	11	12	13 Edible map donations due	14
15	16	17 Love and Logic	18 Missouri Day	19 Book Order Due	20 3-D Maps due	21
22	23	24 Student lead conferences	25	26 Student lead conferences	27 <i>No School</i>	28
29	30	31				

Schedule of Events

- * Early release every Monday at 3:10
- * Love and Logic parenting class will be Oct. 3, 10, 17 from 6-8 with Ms. Hobb's.
- * October 3rd is the first student council meeting.
- * October 13th edible map food donations are due.
- * October 18th is Missouri Day and we will be making our edible maps that afternoon.
- * October 19th book order are due to Miss Crocker.
- * October 20th 3-D maps of Missouri are due.
- * October the 24th and 26th are student lead conferences.
- * October 27th No School !



Reading in the month of October



At the beginning of October your child will be sent home with a reading log. This log is used to keep track of your child's independent reading time. It is the Fourth Grade teams expectation that your child read a total of 80 minutes a week. The week will begin on Friday evening and end on Friday morning. Each Friday morning I will look to see if your child has read the required amount of time for the week.

There is an incentive for your child to be reading at home. The first, and most important incentive, is that your child will become a more fluent reader as the year progresses if they are reading on a regular basis each night. They also have the opportunity to earn a pizza coupon, prizes in the classroom, and other goodies for being on task and completing their weekly reading assignment.

The reading logs will be

placed in their home-school folders every Friday. It is your choice whether to leave it in there or take it out. Please complete the logs with the required 80 minutes of reading and return in the home-school folder on Friday morning.

It is important that you support your child in the process so that they feel encouraged and see the value of a job well done.

Miss Crocker

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This story can fit 150-200 words.

One benefit of using your newsletter as a promotional tool is that you can reuse content from other marketing materials, such as press releases, market studies, and reports.

While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to your readers.

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.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for



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your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you're finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.

Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 100-150 words.

The subject matter that appears in newsletters is virtually endless. You can include stories that focus on current technologies or innovations in your field.

You may also want to note business or economic trends, or make predictions for your customers or clients.

If the newsletter is distributed inter-

nally, you might comment upon new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

Some newsletters include a column that is updated every issue, for instance, an advice column, a book review, a letter from the president, or an editorial. You can also profile new

employees or top customers or vendors.

“To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here.”

Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 75-125 words.

Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture supports or enhances the message you're trying to convey. Avoid selecting images that appear to be out of context.



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Microsoft Publisher includes thousands of clip art images from which you can choose and import into your newsletter.

There are also several tools you can use to draw

shapes and symbols.

Once you have chosen an image, place it close to the article. Be sure to place the caption of the image near the image.