

# Class Blog 5/20/19

4th Grade Parents,

This is our last FULL week of instruction before EOGs! It's hard to believe it's already here. While I realize the kiddos are itching for their hard-earned summer, please remind students we need to remain super-focused over the next week and a half. It can be easy to get off track and ready for summer break, but we have a bit more to do before we can relax for the summer.

## Just some brief reminders:

No more spelling/vocabulary words for the year

No more homework passages for the remainder of the year

On the back of this page, there are some EOG "tips." Students have decided they would like to have a summer-themed party and we have brainstormed some things we would like to have at our party. If you are able to bring something in, please let me know by returning the sign-up sheet which will be sent home this week.

**ELA** - The first half of ELA will be building vocabulary and reading comprehension by reading passages and practicing different reading comprehension strategies (identifying key points, main ideas, summarizing, etc.). The second half will be continuing to read One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia. Students seem to really be enjoying this book. Maybe because it's about summer. :)

**Math** - We have finished symmetry and all the lessons in our textbook. We will focus on review this week.

**Social Studies** - Students will begin a lesson on "Westward Expansion" and learn about the impact Manifest Destiny had on the United States in the mid-1800s.

**Science** - Students will continue their lesson on weather and learn how weather data is gathered and used to forecast weather.

## Important Dates:

- Wednesday, May 22nd - Field Day (12:15 - 2:00)
- No school on Monday, May 27th - Memorial Day holiday
- Wednesday, May 29th - Reading EOG
- Thursday, May 30th - Math EOG

## For Field Day, please bring:

- An extra change of clothes
- A plastic bag for wet clothes
- A towel
- A water bottle
- \$2.00 for Pelicans Snowball (optional)

# EOG Tips for Parents

1. Practice having your child go to bed early or on time a week before EOGs.
2. Remind your student to take the test seriously, but also let them know to take a deep breath. Remind them of how proud you are of them and to do their best.
3. Take a “walk and talk” to reduce stress and open lines of communication. Allow your child to express any anxieties they might have and reassure them they have the tools they need to succeed.
4. Ask them what strategies they have learned:
  1. Remind them if they can eliminate two wrong answers, they have a 50% chance of getting that answer correctly
  2. Find the answer in the text before moving on to the next answer
  3. Highlight main ideas/key points
5. Have students get a good night’s rest, wake up a little bit earlier than usual, and have a good, well-balanced breakfast.
6. Students are not allowed to have cell phones inside the class during testing. They will be collected by administration to ensure there is not a testing misadministration by a phone accidentally going off.
7. Book bags are not allowed in classrooms during testing. They may leave them at home or they will be collected by administration/placed in hallways.
8. Arrive to school no later than 8 AM. After 8:15, students will not be permitted in testing areas and will need to retake the EOG.
9. There will not be EOG retakes or summer school this year due to new NC legislation.

Below are the dates for EOGs this year:

Tuesday, May 28th - Extend Standards EOG (EC only)

Wednesday, May 29th - Reading EOG

Thursday, May 30th - Math EOG

Friday, May 31st - Science (5th and 8th grade only)