



# The Becker Buzz

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### Math

#### Unit 3

We have just started unit three in math this week. This unit centers around multiplication facts, problems, and division. Any help you can give your student in practicing these facts would be greatly appreciated. Our goal is to know them by memory very soon. Just a reminder that study links will be coming home every night there is homework in them regardless if they have been completed at school or not. Hopefully this will give you an added idea about what is going on.

### Halloween Celebration

#### On the 31<sup>st</sup>

We will briefly celebrate Halloween on Monday the 31<sup>st</sup> here at school. Look for more information to come home about the days events this week.

The children may wear costumes to school if they would like to (given your permission) and provided it is not too distracting to learn in through out the day ☺

### WKCE

#### Begins Next Week!

We will start WKCE testing next Wednesday. 4<sup>th</sup> grade has a heavy load and will be taking tests across many subjects. Most days we will have testing for about 45-55 minutes in the morning and afternoon. We have been doing some test preparation questions to get the students comfortable with the types of questions and test format they may come across. Please try to encourage a good breakfast and plenty of sleep during our testing weeks ☺

### Daily 4

Individual conferences are under way and going very well. Your student is assigned a conference day with me. At their conference that should have a letter written to me about what they are reading, and the strategy or goal they are working on and how they are practicing. They have time to write this letter during a Daily 4 choice but can also write it at home. We will use this letter to guide our conference time and is also a good way for the students to write about reading and to explain how they are working towards becoming a better reader.

#### Conference Schedule

Monday: Gaby, Cai, Paige, Holly

Tuesday: Ireland, Aaron, Joey, Belen, Kaylee

Wednesday: Kolbe, Ashlee, Charles, Juan

Thursday: Shawn, Josh, Trevor, Jason

Friday: Angelina, Xander, Lily, Heidi

In between and after these conferences each day I also will informally meet with children to read with them or to talk about the book they are reading.

### Volunteers

I have had some interest in volunteer help during the school day. You are always welcome to come in any day, please just let me know what day and time works for you and be sure to get a background check volunteer form filled out in the office.

Volunteers are welcome to do a range of activities: from reading with children, working on multiplication facts, or helping with prep work, etc. As a reminder we do have specials in the morning.

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