Mrs. Chen's Fourth Grade Class Newsletter 10-13-14

Happy October! This year has been moving along beautifully. The students are becoming more and more familiar with the routines and expectations. We are super close to reaching our goal of 20 class points. When we reach the 20 points we will vote on what class privilege we would like to do. The privilege will most likely be a class Read-a-thon. I will let you know the details when we reach it. I will only be sending home a monthly newsletter, since you get so many notices already. I will send home or email a reminder or notice when needed though. Please remember you may call or email anytime you have a question.

Homework- Please remember homework is due at the end of the week. It is due on Thursday if it is a shorter week. Please remember to complete the reading minutes on the reading log and the <u>same</u> minutes are to be filled out on the month log. Please try your best to sign the weekly log and then the month log at the end of the month. Students are doing a great job completing the math part of their homework. The students are to be doing their 3 spelling activities, math assignment, 30 minutes a day reading log and all 5 of the reading log prompts weekly. If your child doesn't have time to read or to do the reading log he/she can do it during recess throughout the week. We have made the 4th grade homework to be a minimal amount to ensure that the students focus on reading daily and thinking about his/her reading. Thank you for your help and support.

Jog-a-thon- All of the students did a great job walking, jogging or running. Every student completed at least 6 laps, or 1.5 miles. Great job! It was great seeing some of the parents and/ or family members at the event.

10,000 Pennies- As most of you know, we have collected 10,000 pennies! Our class voted and chose to donate half to the Make-a-Wish Foundation and the other half to Bags of Love. Bags of Love are a group that provides a bag of necessities and comfort items to children who are in crisis due to neglect, abuse, poverty or homelessness. These bags contain toiletries, clothing, pajamas, and a book, toy, animal, or blanket for the child to feel more comfortable while away from home. If you would like to donate any gently used items on the back, I will be collecting and turning in all donation items at the end of the week. Just a reminder that socks, pajamas, and undergarments need to be brand new.

Volunteers- Thank you for your patience in getting the volunteers started. I have waited to get the volunteer schedule going until the class schedule became more consistent and concrete. I just need to verify the criminal history background check on the volunteers. I will be notifying the volunteers of their schedules shortly.

Disney Dress Up Day- Don't forget to wear your favorite Disney character costume or clothing with Disney on **Friday, October 17th**. **Halloween Dress Up Day-** We will be having our 2nd annual Halloween costume or character Dress Up Day on **Thursday, October 30th**.

October 6 – Nov. 6	Artist In Residence
October 6-17	Boxtops & Labels Contest
October 14	PALS mtg. at 6:30
October 17	Disney Dress Up Day
October 20	Tooth Taxi interest forms DUE
October 30	Halloween Dress Up Day and End of the 1 st qtr.
October 31	NO SCHOOL – Teacher Work Day to prepare report cards