**\*PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR CURRICULUM NIGHT AUGUST 28th\***

 **FOOD AND MEET AND GREET WITH MR. ROACH: 5PM**

 **FIRST SESSION: 6:00PM SECOND SESSION: 6:25 PM**

Dear Parents,

WELCOME BACK TO ENOTA!!!! We hope you had a fantastic summer and look forward to working with you this year. We will start our normal monthly newsletter in September. Until then, we’d just like to let you know a few things going on in your child’s classroom.

Here’s what your child is learning during the month of August:

**Reading/ELA**: Unit 1 focuses on Heritage. We will be sending home a checklist of standards covered during first quarter in next week’s Tuesday folder. (This will be explained in detail at curriculum night.)

**Math**: place value

**Science**: ecosystems

**Social Studies**: Maps and Atlas

**Writing**: Due to the growing importance of writing, 4th Grade has decided to dedicate time each day to this focus. Over the next few weeks we will be introducing your child to a writing task card. We’d like to explain it to you also so that you can be on board with supporting your child’s learning at home. The task card will seem somewhat overwhelming at first, and we are aware this will take some time to get used to but we feel it is critical to put more time into this critical skill. We can do it together!

Each week, your child will be given a topic correlating with a current or soon to be Social Studies/Science topic along with two writing prompts that fit two types of writing. There are four types of writing we will focus on this year (informational, opinion, narrative, response to literature) so we will switch back and forth each week focusing on two at a time. Here is an example:

Week 1 Topic: Native American Indians

Prompts:

Informational: Pick the Native American Tribe that most interests you and summarize three reasons this is so.

Opinion: What is your opinion of the Inuit Tribe’s way of life? Would you enjoy this? Why or why not.

The expectation will be for your child the complete a 2 page, 5 paragraph essay on each prompt by the end of each week. Please understand we KNOW this seems like a lot….but here’s the rest of the story! ☺

\*Each piece of writing will ONLY be for an effort grade (Be Your Best!)

\*A 20 minute period each day will be dedicated to this writing.

\*Depending on the weekly topic, classes with try to tie in writing time during small groups and also independent work.

\*Your child will be asked to finish their writing for homework if it is not finished during class. This breaks down to an average of one page of writing a day which isn’t that bad! (one essay will be due Wednesday and the second will be due each Friday)

\*Also, at the end of each quarter, your child will choose one essay from the quarter to edit and revise. Our hope is at this point that editing one essay will seem like a breeze!

We hope you will join in and support us in embracing this new journey of making writing a focus! We will be able to explain in more detail and answer any questions at Enota’s Curriculum night on August 28th. Thank you for your continued support and please know your child’s growth and best interest is always the heart of the matter!