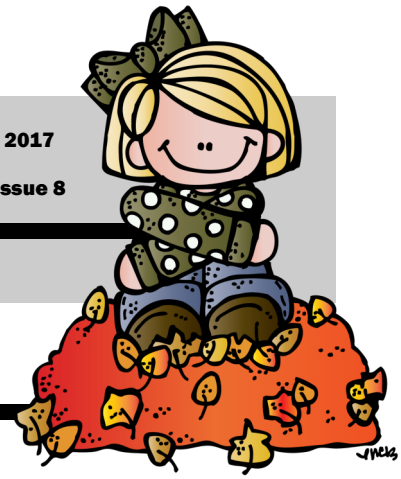


# The Fourth Grade Times



## Unit 2, Lesson 1 Grammar Topic

### Common Noun

A **common noun** is the general name of a person, place, or thing.

### Proper Noun

A **proper noun** is the specific name of a person, place, or thing.

Common Noun	Proper Noun
man	Abraham Lincoln
mountain	Mount Everest
building	White House
dog	Spot
state	Texas
newspaper	New York Times
book	Frindle
monument	Washington Monument
park	Heritage Park

**Proper nouns always are capitalized in a sentence.**

Mark and I went to the **park** and visited the **museum**. (**common nouns** not capitalized)

Mark and I went to **Heritage Park** and visited **The Metropolitan Museum of Art**. (**proper nouns** ARE capitalized)

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## Thank you Ms. Panza!

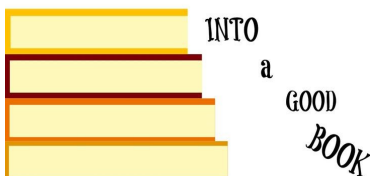
For the past 8 weeks, Ms. Panza has been an incredible asset to our classroom. We appreciate having had the opportunity of her joining our 4th grade team. The students will miss her tremendously!

Ms. Panza will fulfill the second leg of her student teaching experience at North Hills Middle School teaching math. She promises to keep in touch and even visit from time to time throughout the year.

Ms. Panza will graduate in December from La Roche College. We would love to see her on the substitute list for the second semester at North Hills!

Best of luck to you, Ms. Panza! We will miss you!

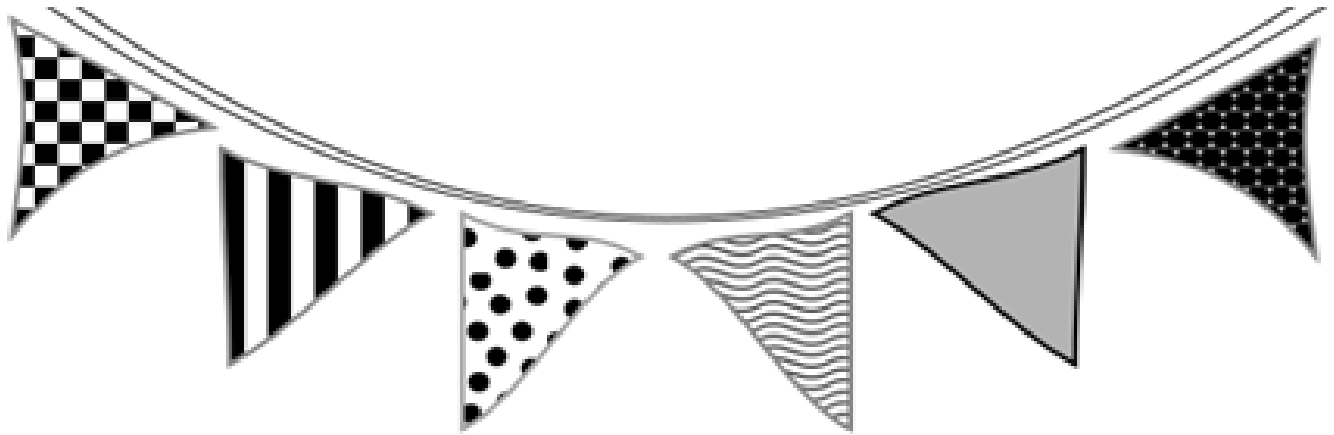
# FALL



## Literacy Dates to Remember

**Day 1: Monday, October 16th** - We will begin Unit 2, Lesson 1. The Home-School Connection will be sent home today outlining the spelling and vocabulary words, skills and strategies, and a reinforcement activity page.

**Day 6: Friday, October 13th** - Unit 2, Lesson 1 will be tested.



Dear Parents and Guardians of 4A,

As my student teaching placement at West View Elementary comes to a close, I want to take a moment to say thanks. Thank you for sharing your pride and joy with me. I have done my best to keep your child engaged, motivated, and help boost their confidence in the last eight weeks. I have enjoyed all of the smiles and kind words your children have shared with me. Thank you for supporting all of my efforts!

I have learned so much from being at West View Elementary, and I am excited to take this knowledge and use it in my next placement. I have learned something different from each student in my classroom and I truly believe it will make me a better teacher in the future. This is an experience I will cherish for the rest of my life. I wish the best of luck to the fourth grade students, teachers, and parents!



Sincerely,

Gabrielle Panza



A few of you have asked, “How can I help my child prepare for the Day 6 literacy tests?” Hopefully the information below will provide some guidance.

- ☑ A Home-School Connection is sent home on each Day 1. This packet communicates the skills and strategies that will be covered in the upcoming week’s lesson. The last page of the packet is an activity that coincides with the comprehension skill of the week. This is a page that your son/daughter could complete weekly to reinforce the skill.
- ☑ Without a doubt, a student who is struggling with the weekly skills needs more reinforcement than the one-page that is included in the Home-School Connection packet. That’s where the internet becomes a wonderful resource. Below are a list of websites that contain review and extra practice worksheets for students.

[www.connected.com](http://www.connected.com)

[www.ereadingworksheets.com](http://www.ereadingworksheets.com)

[www.studyisland.com](http://www.studyisland.com)

[www.education.com](http://www.education.com)

[www.printableworksheets](http://www.printableworksheets)

[www.k12reader.com](http://www.k12reader.com)

- ☑ As a part of each week’s newsletter, I include the grammar skill. This is not included on the Home-School Connection packet that is sent home. Many of the sites listed above also have grammar reinforcement sheets available.
- ☑ In speaking with the district reading coaches, one of the best ways to reinforce literacy skills and strategies is by having your child apply them to the book that he/she is reading in the evenings at home. For example, if the skill is theme, ask him/her questions pertaining to the theme of that book. Have them provide you with text evidence to support their answers.







The Lutherlyn Environmental Education Program (LEEP) offers outstanding learning adventures for all ages. LEEP is renowned throughout Western Pennsylvania for its high quality science oriented programs. In accordance with the fourth grade science ecology curriculum, we were fortunate enough to be able to enjoy a field trip to Camp Lutherlyn today. While some of us ended up a little muddy, we all learned a lot and had a great time!

For more information about Camp Lutherlyn, log onto [www.lutherlyn.com](http://www.lutherlyn.com)



**A huge thank you to Mrs. Bensch, Mrs. Myers,  
and Mrs. Rodriguez for chaperoning our field trip  
to Camp Lutherlyn.**

**We had a wonderful time!**





Dear Parent or Guardian,

West View Elementary School and the West View PTA team up every year to make the Celebration of Learning (formerly Open House) a fun-filled event for the entire family. In addition to seeing your child's work and meeting your child's teacher, the PTA sponsors a Basket Raffle to help raise money for PTA-funded events such as field trips, assemblies, class parties, and much more! Each classroom sponsors a basket for the raffle.

This year, I have volunteered to coordinate the basket for Mrs. Aftanas's classroom. The theme for the basket is **Gift Cards**. I kindly request that each family please send in an item related to the theme or a small cash donation (suggested donation is \$5). Suggested items related to our theme include gift cards to any local restaurants, Giant Eagle, or McDonalds. Please feel free to be creative and use your imagination!

I will set up a collection box inside the classroom to collect donations. I will assemble the basket. In order to have a basket prepared in time for Celebration of Learning, please send in your contribution any time from now up to **Friday, November 10th, 2017**. West View Elementary School's Celebration of Learning is Thursday, December 7, 2017 from 5 until 8 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact me at **412-716-4030** or **mayer21@comcast.net**

Thank you for your time and donation. I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,  
Caroline Mayer

