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► CONGRATULATIONS TO ELIZABETH WHO WAS RECOGNIZED FOR HAVING EXEMPLARY RESPECT IN OUR CLASS! SHE REPRESENTED ROOM 4 AT THE GOLDEN TABLE. WAY TO GO ELIZABETH!

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## Announcement

**Biblionasium**  
Website login is the 5 letters of last name/3 letters of first name & lunch #

CREATIVITY...IS JUST HAVING ENOUGH DOTS TO CONNECT.  
~STEVE JOBS

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### MATH MANIA

We've been working on solving elapsed time word problems and telling time to the nearest minute. Students have been applying the Math Standards of Practice as they use number lines and charts to organize their thinking. We are also continuing to review subtraction using place value. In October we will start the foundations of multiplication. Since many of the students have already started multiplication facts, this will be a time for us to solve word problems using multiplication, rather than repeated addition. Solving real world problems and applying multiplication shows true mastery of the facts. Looking for the Math Standards of Practice? See our MATH page on the class website.

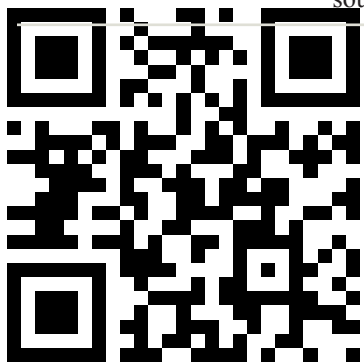
### WE ARE AUTHORS!

We continue to learn about how to write a narrative by analyzing what authors do in their stories. Come On, Rain! By Karen Hesse, has been a favorite read aloud. This author has shown us the power of descriptive writing and using sensory details. Students have been revising their work to add details in their own narratives. Additionally,, we've been working on the beginning and ending of our narratives. We've discussed techniques for

Great Beginnings, such as: description, dialogue, question, and action. We are also working on bringing closure to the end of our story.

#### HIP HOMOPHONES

Thank you for your continued support with our Word Study Program. Homophones can be challenging for children and I continue to see some confusions in their writing. As your practice these with your child, it would be helpful for you to focus on meaning as well as sound/spelling patterns.



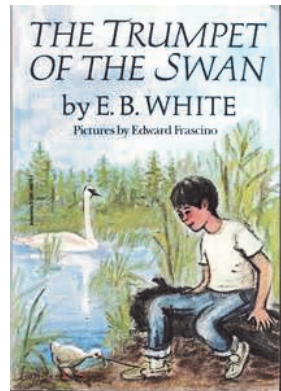
### LAUNCHING SYNERGY

#### ParentVUE

Soon you will be receiving information about accessing your child's academic information through ParentVUE. This will be a secure parent portal to increase parent/school communication with information about attendance, grades and day to day academic experiences. Please be patient as we work through this launch. Additional information will be on our school webpage, Facebook page and in future communications.

Our newest read aloud, Trumpet of the Swan, has been a great way to infuse science content into our read aloud, especially as we get ready to create our own instruments. Additionally, EB White uses challenging vocabulary, so we're discussing ways to figure out unknown words using the context of the sentence. We continue to challenge ourselves to use vivacious vocabulary throughout the day in our discussions and writing. Some of our words are: elated, intently, compromise, gloomy, vain and emulate. Try using these words at home with your child!

Also, we've started analyzing our own oral reading using our fluency rubric. Students are looking at specific aspects of expression, pace and volume. As we head into poetry next week, fluency will become more of an emphasis. Using **Reading A-Z** online is a great way for your child to practice independent reading and/or fluency. Our class code is aanders7, if your child would like to practice at home.



### FACT FANATICS

I see AMAZING growth in math facts! Many of the students have reached their September goals. I attribute their success to all you're doing at home. Each child learns differently, so once you find a system that works well, continue that path. I've talked to a few parents who have shared that their child passes a level at home, but still isn't passing in class. Keep in mind we're looking for mastery and it may take an extra week with the pressure of time and excitement. I have high expectations and see that this group is reaching them. There are some difficult levels along the way, so there may be times when your child is more frustrated to get to that next level. Hard work does pay off!