

# Desert Sage Fourth Grade

## Mandarin Learning in Action

**Reading:** This week we are reading a historical fiction selection. We are focusing on synthesizing ideas, identifying elements of author's craft, analyzing plot and using text evidence to determine the theme.

**Writing:** We are preparing to write an opinion essay about why it's important to rely on friends when faced with a challenge.

**Social Studies:** Students will be choosing a region to create a poster or google slideshow.

### Parent Teacher Conferences:

Conferences are right around the corner. You will be receiving a link via email to sign up for conferences soon. Please make sure to go on Powerschool to check for the latest grades and missing assignment.

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**Science:** This week students will develop and/or revise a model using various rock types, fossil locations, and landforms to show evidence that Earth's surface has changed over time.

**Math:** We will be finishing topic D (one digit and three or four digits multiplication word problem) and start division problem.

**Mandarin:** We will start Intermediate 1 unit 2 and learn characters 耳朵, 站, 猫, 眼睛, 间, 胖. We will be reading a story (short straightforward fictional texts.) 'The Cat Lady' and understand the main idea and key information.

### Upcoming Dates and Events:

10.5 Fall Pictures  
10.8 Early Release 2:00 dismissal  
10.11-10.12 Fall Break-No School