

Blizzard Bag Assignments for Mrs. Beard's 4th grade

Day One

READING/SCIENCE: *Scholastic News* – “Next Stop, Mars”

Read cover story on pages 4-5 and answer the following questions:

1. Why do you think the author wrote the first paragraph as if speaking directly to the reader?
2. What details from the article support the idea that Mars would be a challenging place to live?
3. How does the SpaceX plan mentioned in the sidebar differ from NASA's plan for sending people to Mars?
4. Would you sign up for a mission to Mars? Explain your answer, using details from the article.

Read the rest of the articles and answer the questions on page 8.

MATH: Chapter 1-3 Cumulative Test #1-16

Day Two

READING/SCIENCE: *Scholastic News* – “Game Changer”

Read cover story on pages 4-5 and answer the following questions:

1. Why does the author include information about football in Vicksburg, Mississippi, in the article?
2. Why are hits to the head so dangerous for kids?
3. How is the focus of “Heads Up” different from the focus of “Playing it Safe”?
4. What evidence is provided to support the statement “Youth football is safer than it's ever been”?

Read the rest of the articles and answer the questions on page 8.

MATH: Chapter 1-3 Cumulative Test #17-36

Day Three

READING/SCIENCE: Read "Life in the Jungle." Answer questions #9-16.

MATH: Chapter 1-6 Cumulative Test #1-20