



# Welcome to 4th Grade

Dear Parents,

Our first week of school is off to a great start! I'm looking forward to the coming school year and to introducing your children to all the exciting, positive learning experiences fourth grade has to offer. In tonight's packet, you will receive several items to take home and please take the time to look them over with your child. This is especially important for fourth graders so they will feel comfortable and secure in their new environment.

## *Our Daily Schedule*

8:10am	Math will begin in early September
9:10am	Recess
9:30am	Language Arts/Writer's Workshop
11:10am	Lunch
11:55am	Core Literature/Vocabulary
12:38pm	Specialists (P.E., Art, Music, Computers)
1:20pm	Science/Social Studies
2:40pm	School ends
	Note: I'll be in my room until 3:30pm daily unless a meeting has been scheduled☺

## *Our Home-School Communication*

My class e-mail list was a huge success last year! If you could please take a business card tonight and e-mail me, I will be able to create a new list to keep everyone informed of class events.

If you would like to contact me during the school year, please send a brief note to school with your child outlining your concerns. I will respond in a timely manner! **All communication regarding your child needs to be addressed in written form.** This includes information regarding doctor/dentist appointments, transportation, or homework issues. I really would like your child to deliver these notes because it is a way to reinforce responsibility and trust. Please do not rely on my voicemail to convey important information, as it will only be checked once a day.

## ***Homework***

### Goal

Homework is given to allow students to practice and reinforce concepts learned in the classroom, to conduct research, and to finish work not completed during class time. Homework teaches students to discipline themselves and to accept responsibility in the learning process.

### Routine

Each student will be required to fill out a daily homework notebook which will allow them to keep track of their assignments. This will be something parents should see every evening. It is each child's responsibility to complete AND RETURN all assignments by their due date. We will be having vocabulary, spelling homework, and a spelling test weekly. Each day our children should read at least 20 minutes, and a reading log will be signed by parents daily. We will collect our minutes throughout the year and have a celebration in June. Long term projects and reports will be done primarily IN CLASS, and plenty of notice will be given to you and your child concerning the expectations and due dates.

### Rule #1

Under no circumstances should your child spend more than 45 to 60 minutes each evening on homework! If you find this occurring, please contact me so we can immediately assess the situation.

### Rule #2

If a family situation or illness arises that prevents your child from completing any assigned work, please send a brief note or e-mail and arrangements will be made for any due date to be extended.

## ***Discipline***

I feel it is extremely important to set clear goals and expectations for our class behavior. All kids have a need and a right to know what is expected of them and what the consequences are if they do not behave in the appropriate manner. Please read the attached Classroom Rules and Code of Conduct with your child. It is important that he/she understands them. If a conscience decision is made to break a rule, one of the consequences below will be applied. Since each incident is unique, the appropriate consequences will be applied at the time of the incident.

Time Out

Recess Detention

Seat Change

Parent Notification

Teacher/Parent/Student Conference

Principal Contacted

If your child is involved in a disciplinary incident outside of class, you may receive a written Conduct Referral notice from the office explaining the event, the action taken, and the recommended action. Please sign the form and **return it to me** instead of the office.

### *Parent-Classroom Connection*

I welcome parents helping in our classroom or in any way they feel comfortable. If you are interested in volunteering in any way, please fill out the attached form! In conclusion, I am looking forward to a productive, successful year for everyone in our class. It is important that we work together as a team; your child's educational, social, and emotional growth is our common goal!

Sincerely,

Robert Olds