

# Welcome to Fourth Grade

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Welcome to fourth grade! This promises to be an exciting and rewarding year in your child's education. We can't wait to spend this time with your child! We will work with you and your child to make sure they will:

\*Be SAFE

\*Be respectful and courteous to one another

\*Gain new and interesting knowledge

\*Be a contributing citizen to both our classroom and the community

\*Have FUN!

Students will also be able to access many of the websites used in class by simply logging into [Clever](#).

## Fourth Grade Curriculum

Expectations are high for all of our fourth grade students. Active participation in class as well as assuming responsibility for homework assignments are all part of being a successful student. Below you will find an overview of what our year will focus on:

**Math:** It is critical that your child knows their basic multiplication facts (0 -12). We will use the Go Math program to focus on: place value to one million, multiplying 1-digit and 2-digit numbers, dividing by 1-digit numbers, factors, multiples, fractions, decimals, angles, perimeter, area and more. Particular emphasis will also be placed on the steps to becoming proficient problem solvers.

**Reading:** We are implementing a balanced literacy program where we will utilize a Readers Workshop format. Our reading units will include: Interpreting Characters, Nonfiction, Historical Fiction Book Clubs, Solving the Mystery, Reading History (The American Revolution),

and Social Issues Book Clubs. Students will be required to read at least 20 minutes every night. Exposure to all the reading genres will be encouraged.

**Writing:** Fostering creative writers is our main goal and objective. The students will be honing their writing skills as they write their narrative, persuasive and expository pieces. The students' writing notebooks will become their new best friend! Writing across the curriculum will allow students ample opportunities to express their unique writing styles.

**Science:** This year, our scientists will be using a program called FOSS. It is directly aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) with a focus on STEAM activities. The units we will focus on are: engineering, soil/rocks/landforms, energy, and environments.

**Social Studies:** Our focus will be on the Regions of the United States and the global perspective of the world in which we live.

**Social Emotional:** We are focusing on social and emotional learning that involves developing competencies of diversity & inclusion, empathy & critical thinking, communication, problem solving, and peer relationships.

## Communication

Please feel free to send an email if you have any questions or concerns.

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Additionally, all 4th grade teachers have their own remind.com accounts. This allows us to send or receive messages or quick reminders via text. All parents are strongly encouraged to sign up. More information regarding this app will be in our opening day correspondence. We thank you in advance for your participation and support as we begin our fabulous year in fourth grade.