

August 1, 2018

Dear Families,

We hope this letter finds you enjoying these beautiful summer days. It will soon be time to start the new school year. We are looking forward to working with you and your child. Having three teachers is new for you and your child. The fourth grade teachers work as a team and meet daily to discuss all of our students. Children will be assigned a homeroom and will travel with that class throughout the day. We will support students as they learn the routines and expectations of fourth grade.

Fourth grade is a very exciting year in your child's education. We will be reading and writing in a variety of genres. There will be personal narrative writing and independent research. Students will be asked to state their opinions and support them with good solid reasons. We're excited to be a part of these new learning experiences with your child!

Please help your child choose appropriate books for summer reading. Children should bring an independent reading book with them to school on the first day. We will start our reading work right away.

Many students come to fourth grade still needing practice with addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts. However, it is necessary for fourth graders to be secure with these facts. Have your child practice math facts several times a week for the remainder of the summer. Then when your child enters school in the fall, he or she will be solid with these facts and ready to move forward.

At the end of each day, homework will be in your child's mailbox. Your child will be responsible for copying the homework assignment into an assignment notebook, which we will provide, and for bringing that notebook and homework home. We suggest each student purchase a binder that zips closed to keep all materials that travel between home and school organized. To support your child in this responsibility, please be sure he or she has a backpack to carry the homework home each day. It is so important to develop a homework routine at home with a quiet, organized work space and enough time designated to the task. Thank you in advance for helping your child establish good homework habits.

We are enclosing a parent survey questionnaire. Please fill the survey out and return it with your son or daughter on the first day of school. We strive to know each child well and you, the parents, are always our most valuable resource. We are also enclosing a letter to your child, and a list of supplies your child can bring on the first day of school.

Enjoy the rest of the summer. We all look forward to seeing your child on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 4.

Sincerely,

The Fourth Grade Team

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