

Welcome to Fourth Grade

Classroom Rules

R-Really try your best at all times

U-Understand the rules outlined in your planner

D-Do onto others as you would do onto you

D-Develop good study skills and do your homework

Y-Your work is your own work not your neighbors

B-Be kind always

L-listen attentively

I-Imagination is the key to great writing

S-Stay in your seat

S-Smile everyday

General Routine

Arrival time is between 8:00-8:15 AM. Students need to be in their seats when the bell rings. Morning Work is given daily and expected to be finished by 8:30 or it is homework.

P.E

This year you need to change into P.E. clothes. Please remember you are getting older and you may need deodorant.

Snack

Please bring in a healthy snack. No CANDY PLEASE.

Thursday folders

Please go through the folder each Thursday night, sign and return to school on Friday. We ask that you sign and return any graded tests.

Homework

All homework reinforces skills taught at school that day. (This does not include projects and/or Reading Counts books.) All home work needs to be complete, neat and on time. Assignments should be written in student's planner's daily and can also be found on Ren Web nightly.

Grades are comprised of class work, homework, reports or projects (if any), quizzes, test grades and participation.

Reading

Our reading series continues to develop skills that facilitate student reading in various subject areas. There is a workbook to supplement the reader. This year the students will participate in Reading Counts. The requirement for Reading counts is to read at least 9 books (3 a trimester) and pass a Reading Counts tests by 80% or better by the end of the year.

Students are assigned two book reports after Christmas break.

Book Reports Due

1/13/20

2/10/20

We will leave the basal reader and jump into novel studies in January.

Language Arts/ Writing

Fourth grade studies grammar, study skills, literature and writing. There will be tests for each unit and quizzes will

be announced on different lessons. Students must have a pleasure book on their desk at all times.

We will be teaching many styles of writing as we prepare for the fourth grade writing test held in March. A rubric will be sent home with your child.

The students will be given 3 writing assessments a year that will be kept in their writing portfolio. These assessments will be given at the beginning, middle and end of year in order to show their progress.

We have also implemented a writing program called Turnitin.com.

Spelling/Vocabulary

Spelling and vocabulary will go hand in hand with our Reading program. Students will work on word analysis, study skills and language development in each unit and chapter. Tests will be given weekly.

Math

Our series is Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

WWW.harcourtschool.com

Our standards are as follows.

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Math continued

*Use the four operations with whole numbers to solve problems.

*Gain familiarity with factors and multiples

*Generate and analyze patterns

*Generalize place value understanding for multi-digit whole numbers

*Use place value understanding and properties of operations to perform multi-digit arithmetic.

*Extend understanding of fractions equivalence and ordering

*Solve problems involving measurement and conversion of measurements from a larger unit to a smaller unit

*Represent and interpret data

*Draw and identify lines and angles and classify shapes by properties of their lines and angles.

Religion

This year we start out by studying Family Life. We are introduced to the beatitudes and understand them as a way of life. Our class participates in all masses but actually plan the children's liturgy for two masses this year. We study the rosary, the commandments and the liturgical seasons. We present the Catholic moral aspects that the Diocese supports.

Social Studies (Mrs. Ruddy)

We begin studying geography and learning all our states and capitals. The students will work the first month of school on States and Capitols, after we complete this lesson we will study North Carolina. We will learn from our earliest predecessors to our current congressmen. We will trace the development of NC through its history and people.

3D project

Raleigh Trip

NC Fest

Science (Mrs. Bliss)

We follow the North Carolina Essential Standards in our science class. Students are required to keep an up to date Science Interactive Notebook that they will be working in every Science class.

We begin the year learning about Forces and Motion and how they pertain to the world around us. We continue the year studying topics such as Earth Cycles, The Earth's History, Ecosystems, and The Properties of Matter to just name a few.

Your Junior Scientist will participate in a variety of activities such as creating a sundial, observing chemical reactions, along with classifying magnetic and non-magnetic items.

Students will also work in groups researching specific Ecosystems and present their finding to the class.