



Welcome to 4th Grade

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Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to Fourth Grade! Fourth Grade is a time of enormous growth and development in a child's life. We are excited to partner with you as we help your child experience a wonderful year! We have the same goal, to ensure that your child receives the best education possible. Initially we plan to focus on getting to know your child. We want them to know how important they are to our classroom. Please help us to know a little more about your child by completing the parent homework sheet we will be sending home. We encourage you to stay very involved in your child's education, and we look forward to your participation in promoting your child's success in fourth grade.

Following are some important components of our Fourth Grade Classroom. We realize that it is quite lengthy, but we ask that you read over the material and then feel free to ask any questions or offer any comments you might have. **Details regarding our curriculum will be addressed specifically during open house.**

**Our 2019-2020 Schedule

8:45-9:15	Morning Work/News
9:15-10:15	Math
10:25-11:30	EL Module/Snack
11:35-12:15	Specials (Tuesday's specials will be 11:15-12:15)
12:15-1:15	EL All Block
1:20- 1:50	Lunch
1:50-2:20	Recess
2:20-2:45	Intervention/Enrichment Time/Read Aloud
2:45- 3:45	Social Studies/Science
3:45	Dismissal

Fourth Grade: 11:35 – 12:15 (Tuesdays 11:15 – 12:15)							
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	
Hussey	Art	Reader's Theater	Health & Wellness 4th-5th Health & Safety	Music	Technology	PE	
Mongone	PE	Art	Reader's Theater	Health & Wellness 4th-5th Health & Safety	Music	Technology	
Baldwin	Technology	PE	Art	Reader's Theater	Health & Wellness 4th-5th Health & Safety	Music	
Ramirez	Music	Technology	PE	Art	Reader's Theater	Health & Wellness 4th-5th Health & Safety	
Vereckey	Health & Wellness 4th-5th Health & Safety	Music	Technology	PE	Art	Reader's Theater	
Warner	Reader's Theater	Health & Wellness 4th-5th Health & Safety	Music	Technology	PE	Art	

Recess:

We will have recess from **1:50-2:20**. Please make sure your child is dressed in appropriate shoes to run and play. We ask that you send in a **labeled** bottle of water (**no twist off tops, please**) to keep in your child's cubby for use on the playground on our hot summer days. This can be the same water bottle that they keep in their cubby throughout the day. Students will be provided opportunities to refill their bottle several times during the school day. Also note that we cannot apply sunscreen. If you wish for your child to have sunscreen on the playground, you **MUST** apply it before your child comes to school. Do not send it in your child's book bag!

School Hours:

The building opens for students at 8:45am. The "Ready To Learn" bell will sound at 9:10am. Instruction starts immediately at 9:15am. Students who enter after 9:15am will be sent to the office to get a tardy pass. Students who are eating breakfast should go directly to the cafeteria upon arrival. All other students should come to the classroom upon arrival to check in before going anywhere else (library, etc.). We will dismiss car riders and walkers beginning at 3:40pm. Bus riders, YMCA, and other daycare vans begin dismissing shortly after carpoolers and walkers.

Behavior:

Scotts Ridge is a PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support) school. We focus on reinforcing positive behaviors. We also model and teach positive character traits. We are going to have a "SAIL" (Safety First, Act Respectfully, Include Everyone, Listen Carefully) reward system in our classroom. Each time a child is caught doing something well, they will earn a "Skipper Ticket". At the end of the week, three names will be pulled for a reward. The entire class can earn "SAILS" from other SRE staff.

eNews: We will be sending out a bi weekly 4th grade newsletter via email. Please let us know if you do not have access to email, we would be happy to provide a paper copy.

Homework:

Students will have homework in math and reading each night, Monday through Thursday. Each day the students will write their homework in their agendas and bring their agendas home. Please check with your child each night to be sure they have completed all assigned work.

Friday Folder:

We will send home a "Scotts Ridge Elementary" Friday folder each Friday. This folder will contain information pertaining to school functions, important notices, graded work, and other information. Please carefully read ALL items so that you will stay informed of school events and activities. Your child should return the Friday Folder each Monday. Also, in this Friday Folder will be a "**Weekly Report**". Please review the weekly report, sign it, and return it in your child's Friday Folder each Monday.

Confidentiality:

We will only discuss *your child* with you. We request that you not ask me about the performance of other students, and we request that you not discuss your child in front of the other students. Conferences need to be scheduled in advance. Please let your teacher know *immediately* if there are any concerns at school for your child, be it academic, social, medical, etc. This information will remain confidential. Thanks in advance for respecting the privacy of others.

Volunteers:

Volunteers must be registered and approved by Wake County Public Schools. You can register in the library.

**Those that registered last year only need to RE-ACTIVATE by signing into the website on a school computer. New families will need to register. You must be registered to go on field trips. If you volunteer in the classroom, you must follow WCPSS confidentiality guidelines.

Birthdays:

Student birthday celebrations are by way of button, pencil, sailor hat, and/or announcement on the morning news. No food or drinks may be brought in by parents.

Communication:

The best and most efficient way to contact us is via email. We will respond to your email within 48 hours but usually much faster. You may also send in written notes with your child to give to us or call the front office.

Transportation:

Please call the FRONT OFFICE for any transportation changes that occur after your child arrives at school.

We are here for you and your child, and we hope to work closely with you. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact your child's teacher. We will work with you to be certain we are doing what is best for your child! We are looking forward to a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,

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