

4th Grade Expectations

We encourage the children to behave appropriately and to follow all school and classroom rules. The following are the classroom rules:

1. **Completes work in a reasonable time frame**
2. **Stays on task**
3. **Works well with others**
4. **Treats others with respect**
5. **Listens to and follows directions**
6. **Accepts and fulfills responsibilities**
7. **Follows school and classroom rules**
8. **Demonstrates appropriate grade level behavior**

Dates to Remember

- Parent Orientation- Sept 9
- Fall Indiv Pictures- Oct 8
- Spring Pic/ Class Pictures- Feb 25

- Writing CDB's- Oct 22, Jan 21
- Math CDB's- Dec 10, Feb 18
- Reading CDB's- Nov 19, Feb 11
- Sci/SS CDB's- Nov 5, Mar 4, May 21

- STAAR Math— Apr 21
- STAAR Reading— Apr 22
- STAAR Writing- Mar 30 and 31

- Harvest Festival- Nov 14
- Winter Party- Dec 19
- End of Year Party- June 3

Please Note...

Communication is important to us!
Please contact us with any questions/
concerns/comments at any time.
For a more timely response, please
email. We are unable to return phone
calls until after school.

**NEWSLETTERS WILL BE EMAILED
WEEKLY BY FRIDAY EVENING.**

Check out your teacher's web page
where you can find the weekly newslet-
ter, classroom blog, schedule, and class-
room information



**Conference Time
9:25-10:10**

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FOURTH GRADE McANDREW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Math

Curriculum encompasses Multiplication and Division, Place Value from the hundredths place to the billions place, Time, Fractions, Graphing, Geometry, Measurement, and Multiple Step Problem Solving. Math skills are reinforced daily through recursive review and problem solving practice. Students must demonstrate grade level proficiency in math in order to be promoted.

Language Arts

The Language Arts curriculum is a combination of guided and shared reading and writing. Students are taught various strategies to identify unknown words. Reading progress, comprehension, and fluency are constantly monitored. To be promoted to fifth grade, students must be able to read and comprehend text at the ending fourth grade level (level S). Students will be required to write in their daily writing journals using complete sentences, correct grammar, spacing, capitalization, and punctuation. Students must demonstrate grade level proficiency in language arts in order to be promoted and score a 3 or 4 on the end of the year writing sample.

Science/ Social Studies

Science and Social Studies are integrated in fourth grade. What this means, is that we may be doing science only for a period of time and then switch to SS for another period of time. We try to keep the grades separated, but some grades will be counted in both subject areas. There will be fewer grades in these two subject areas when compared to the other subjects. The curriculum is divided into four units: The Mountains and Basins, The Great Plains, Central Plains and the Coastal Plains.

For your information...



Binders

Students' binders will go home and return to school daily. They will keep his/her planner, nightly homework, and graded papers in the binders. Please make sure to check the binder pockets for school flyers. The agenda will have nightly homework assignments written in it along with the lessons taught during the day.

Behavior folders will be sent home daily for you to check your child's behavior. Please initial the folder if your child receives a mark during the week. Please sign it each Friday regardless if your child received a mark or not.

Homework/ Graded Work

Homework plays an important role in reinforcing Reading, Language Arts and Math skills taught during the school day. **Homework will begin the second week of school.** Homework will be sent home daily and is due the following day. In addition, your child should read for 25 minutes each day. Please initial the reading log nightly after your child has completed his/her reading.

Attendance Information

Daily attendance is important for student success. **Within 5 days of an absence, please provide a dated note stating the reason for the absence in order for the absence to be marked "excused".** Work that will be for a grade will NOT be sent home. **Vacations are considered "unexcused" absences.** **Absences greater than 3 days due to illness, require a doctor's note to be excused.**

Additional Information

Tardies and Early Pick Up

Students who are late or leave early may miss important instructions or announcements. Students are considered tardy when arriving after **7:45** and must obtain a pass from the office. Students are considered absent if they arrive after **9:00** a.m. unless they bring a medical note. **Students who need to leave early must be checked out through the office.**

Birthday Celebrations

Store bought cupcakes, doughnuts or cookies may be brought to celebrate birthdays (no drinks or balloons). Students may bring them to class in the morning, or they may be dropped off at the office no later than 2pm.



If there is a change in how a student will get home, parents must send a note or email to the teacher or call the office. Please notify us by 2pm.

Unless a written note is provided, the student will be sent home as prearranged.