



# Welcome to Fourth Grade!



## Meet the Fourth Grade Team

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Subjects Taught</u>
Mrs. Disman	All Subjects
Mrs. Duffy	All Subjects
Mrs. Gonzalez-Abreu	All Subjects
Mrs. Podnar	All Subjects
Mrs. Swift	All Subjects
Mrs. Snyder	Intervention Specialist
Mrs. Reynolds	Intervention Specialist

## Attendance Policy

Fourth grade has a very challenging, fast-paced curriculum. Therefore, attendance is crucial to your child's academic success. Please plan appointments and vacations around the school calendar. Be sensitive to your child's educational needs, as completing make-up work can be stressful and add to the homework/ELO load at night. Refer to the district attendance policy in effect for all students for further detail.

## Character Education Plan

This plan emphasizes the six pillars of character education which will be followed by all fourth grade students: **Respect, Trustworthiness, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, Citizenship**  
This plan encourages students to be prepared for class and act in a responsible manner.

## Character Education Plan (continued)

- Students will start each day with four (4) different index cards in a pouch.
- The colors of the cards are: green, yellow, blue, and red.
- If a student is not following classroom or school rules, a card will be taken. Additional cards will be taken if inappropriate behavior continues.
- 1st offense = loss of green card (warning)
- 2nd offense = loss of yellow card (loss of 5 minutes of regular recess)
- 3rd offense = loss of blue card (loss of entire regular recess)
- 4th offense = loss of red card (phone call home, office visit, or both)

## Homework

We feel homework is a very important part of a student's road to success. Homework is given to reinforce daily lessons, to check comprehension, and to enforce responsibility. Homework is written daily on the board for your child to copy into their planner. The skill of copying homework is practiced daily. If your child forgets his/her planner, or is unclear of the assignment, he/she can always utilize our Homework Hotline, which is updated daily.

### **Homework Hotline**

(Homework hotline numbers are on a label in your child's planner.)

# 330.830.8100

Mrs. Disman	# 5153
Mrs. Duffy	# 5132
Mrs. Gonzalez-Abreu	# 5133
Mrs. Podnar	# 5136
Mrs. Swift	# 5151

- Homework must be turned in the day it is due.
- If a student fails to complete the assignment given, they will receive a Homework Notice.
- The third Homework Notice, PER SUBJECT/PER QUARTER, will result in a detention before school.
- Every student's slate will be wiped clean and have a fresh start after every quarter.
- If a child receives a Homework Notice in any subject, with any teacher, he/she will lose Friday BONUS recess for that week.
- If Bonus Recess is cancelled for that week, or if your child is absent, he/she will lose that recess the following week.

## Birthdays

- Your child may bring a treat to school to celebrate his/her birthday. Parents/Guardians may drop it off in the office in the morning or your child can bring the treat to school.
- Please do NOT send in cake or ice cream that needs to be cut or scooped. Also, water is the only drink permitted in the classroom.
- Your child's teacher will notify you of any dietary/allergy restrictions.
- Please send napkins and plates, if needed.

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- Some parents may prefer to buy a book for the classroom instead of a treat.
- If your child has a summer birthday, he/she may celebrate whenever you'd like, just let the homeroom teacher know.
- Invitations for home parties are NOT to be distributed at school, unless all of the girls or boys are invited. If the party is limited to just a few students, the invitations must be mailed.

## Friday Folders

- Your child will take a Friday Folder home on the last day of each week.
- This folder will contain graded papers from the previous week.
- After looking over your child's papers, please sign the attached sheet and return the folder on Monday. (You may keep the graded work at home.) If you have a question/comment, feel free to write a note and place it in the Friday Folder.
- A Homework Notice will be given if Friday Folders are not signed and returned by Tuesday of the following week.

## What We Learn in Fourth Grade

\_\_\_\_\_ : Weather, Fossils, Electricity, Ecosystems, Matter

\_\_\_\_\_ : Ohio History, Map Skills, Branches of Government, American Revolution, Economics

\_\_\_\_\_ : Novel reading and scrapbook, Daily 2, Power Point projects, genre studies, poetry, figurative language, writing styles

\_\_\_\_\_ Geometry, Fractions, Decimals, Multiplication, Division, Study Island

## Contact Information

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