



Life in the Fourth Grade 2016-2017



BE PREPARED:

- Come to class prepared with, pencils, paper, and your materials organized.
- When you arrive, remove your materials from your backpack, and place your backpack outside in your cubby. You should be organized and ready to work at 8:20.

PROMPT ARRIVAL:

- It is very important that you arrive to all classes on time. Should you arrive late in the morning, you must get a note from the office before coming to class.

SCHEDULE:

- Keep a copy of our class schedule in your binder. It will take some time to get familiar with where your classes are and when they begin.

STUDENT PLANNER:

- Keep your student planner in your binder and update it as needed (i.e., report due dates, class events, etc.).

CLASSROOM JOBS:

- Classroom jobs will change on a weekly basis.

SEATING ASSIGNMENTS:

- Seating assignments will change on a monthly basis.



FRIDAY FOLDERS:

- Each Friday your work will go home in your Friday Folder along with other important papers.

- Attached to your work, there will be a note for your parents to sign. They will look over your work and sign it. Return the folder the following Monday with the signed note inside. Also return any quizzes or test that have been stamped, "Please sign and return."

BEHAVIOR:

- Respectful behavior toward classmates and teachers is expected from every student. We expect that each student will contribute to building a strong sense of community by exhibiting friendly, positive behavior toward everyone on our campus.

HOMEWORK:

- Expect approximately 45 minutes per night.
- You are required to use the student planner to record homework assignments and upcoming projects. This must be a physical agenda. You are required to have it with you every day at school.
- Each morning, as soon as you arrive, place your homework in the homework basket.
- If you turn in all your homework for a given week, and you have no missing assignments for the week (homework or class work), you will earn a homework pass which can be used on a variety of homework assignments, excluding long-term assignments, test preparation, or any other assignment I determine needs to be excluded.

BOOK REPORTS:

- You will have *five* required book reports. *Three* of them will be book projects and *two* will be summaries (which require oral presentation). Your first book report will be due *October 28*. Please refer to your *Passport to Literature Guide* for details.



CLASS BLOG:

- The class blog is where you will find updates on what is happening in the class. This is where your parents will look to see what we're up to in class. Later in the year, you will begin writing on your own blogs.

iPADS:

- It is your responsibility to take good care of your iPad, plug it in for charging at the end of each day, and use it responsibly.

- **Apps we will use often:**
 - Drive—storing all of your documents/projects
 - Docs—writing your assignments
 - Mail—checking your school email
 - Chrome—browser for researching on the Internet
 - Symbaloo—organize your web site links
 - MathBoard—weekly math drill
 - Spelling City—daily for spelling and vocabulary words
 - GeoMaster Plus—weekly practice of world geography
 - Socrative—taking quizzes
 - Seesaw—you will document all of your work this year using this app to create a digital portfolio of your work