

*Welcome to Mrs. Freeman Gipson  
& Mrs. Stange  
4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom.*

*Welcome to Billingsley Elementary School, and Mrs. Freeman  
Gipson's/Mrs. Stange's classroom! We are very excited to be your child's 4th  
Grade teachers.*

- ▶ We would like to take this opportunity to inform you about some classroom rules, expectations, and procedures.

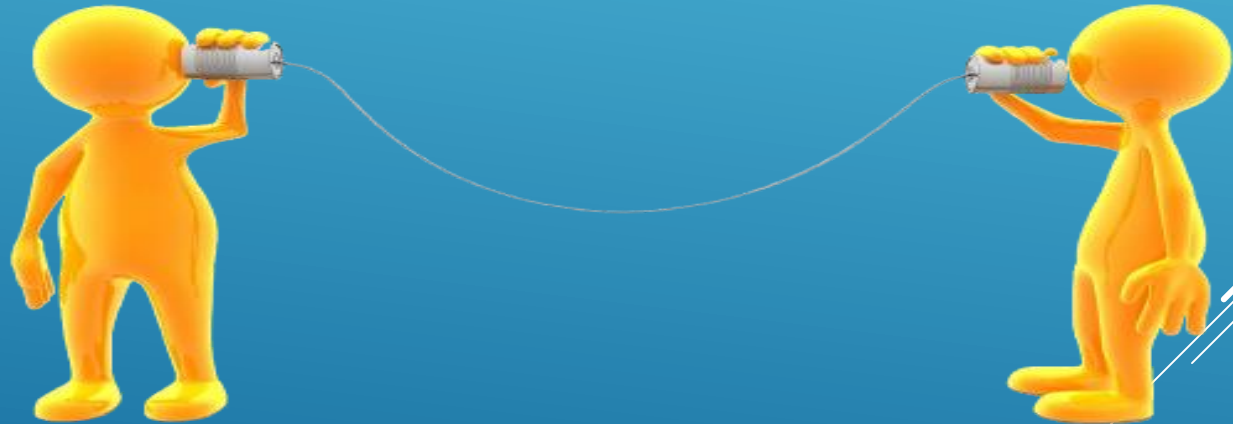


# Classroom Rules:

- ▶ *Rules in our classroom will be largely based on respect. Respect yourself, respect your classroom, respect your classmates, and respect your Teacher.*
  - *First offense: verbal warning*
  - *Second offense: sign behavioral log/restrictions on privileges.*
  - *Third offense: sign behavioral log & parent contact*
  - *Fourth offense: sign behavioral log & office referral*
- ▶ *We believe in rewarding students for positive behavior to encourage them to respect our classroom rules. This positive reinforcement will consist of individual and group praise, frequent rounds of applause, class recognition, and special class rewards such as treasure box treats. Parents can also expect phone calls and/or notes home for positive behavior.*

# Communication:

- ▶ *We believe in strong communication between students, teachers, and parents. We are all a team working together to grow your child into a successful student and contributing member of our society! We will be communicating with you frequently throughout the year to keep you informed on what your child is learning and the progress that is being made. Here are a few ways we can stay connected.*
- *Schoology*
- *Email*
- *Phone (205) 755-1629*



▶ **Breakfast/Lunch Procedures:**

- ▶ All students will report to their classroom in morning. Students will eat breakfast and lunch in the classroom. If they eat breakfast/lunch at school, it will be brought from the cafeteria to the classroom for those students who choose to receive it at school.
- ▶ If your child brings a lunch from home, please make sure that it does not need to be heated. **THERE WILL NOT BE A MICROWAVE AVAILABLE TO HEAT FOOD! NO ACCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.** Due to the covid 19 guidelines, parents/visitors will not be allowed to eat lunch with students. I do apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



## Snacks:

- ▶ Fourth Grade will have a designated snack time this year. It will be the parent's responsibility to provide snacks for their child, or they will be allowed to purchase them from the snack store. In efforts to prevent any child from going such a long period between meals, snack will be a whole class event usually toward the end of the day.

## Birthdays:

- ▶ Birthdays are very important to us and your children, however Fourth Graders have a lot of material to cover throughout the year. We will not have a formal party for your child; but they will be recognized in other special ways on his/her birthday. Due to the Covid 19 guidelines: students/parents will not be allowed to bring cupcakes or other items to share with the class.



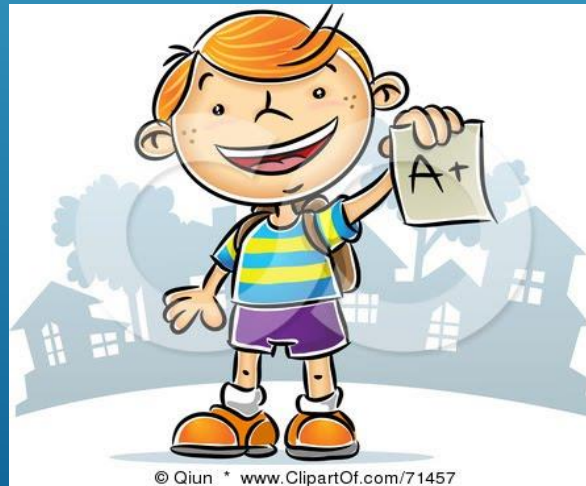
## Homework Policy:

- ▶ Homework will be given out Monday through Thursday, and unless specifically noted will be due back the following day. Students are expected to read 20-30 minutes each evening. They are also expected to know/practice their Multiplication Facts. It is important to have a strong base foundation, and everything we do in 4<sup>th</sup> grade revolves around these basic Math Facts. If you have special circumstances that we need to be aware of, please let us know by email or note.



## Grading Policy:

- ▶ We will be assessing your child on a regular basis. Fourth Graders are assessed in all academic and special areas. Letter grades will be given on a ten-point scale and will be based upon many several forms of formal assessment. You will be able to access these grades on a regular basis. Please consider purchasing access to the parental portal of iNow.



We are so excited to have your child in our class! I hope this presentation provided some insight into our classroom, but if you still have concerns or questions feel free to contact us through email, phone, or letter.

Can wait to see you on September 8<sup>th</sup>!!!

