

Welcome to Fourth Grade!

Pine Level Elementary School
2020-2021

Welcome Fourth Graders!

Fourth Grade is a year when students are able to build upon the foundation of reading and math skills and concepts they learned in third grade. They will also be encouraged to become more independent and responsible. Because of COVID, teachers will assess students at the beginning of the school year to determine skills and concepts that may be lacking. However, the information in this presentation will make you aware of various skills for language arts and math as well as personal and social responsibilities that students should have as they enter fourth grade.

Thank you for taking the time to review this presentation. We hope the information will be useful to you and your child.

Language Arts

- Describe basic elements of stories (characters, events, & settings) by drawing on specific details in the text
- Pay close attention to key features of informational books and articles, including main and supporting details; compare and contrast information; and explain how an author uses facts, details, and evidence to support particular points
- Compare ideas, characters, events, and settings in stories and myths from different cultures
- Write summaries or opinions about topics supported with a set of well-organized facts, details, and examples
- Read fiction and non-fiction daily
- Write complete and compound sentences with correct capitalization, spelling, and punctuation
- Write legibly in cursive
- Read with expression while pausing at commas and stopping at periods
- Read for 30 minutes in one sitting without pause to build endurance

Math

- Memorize all multiplication facts
- Use whole-number arithmetic to solve word problems, including problems with remainders and problems with measurements
- Add and subtract whole numbers quickly and accurately (numbers up to 1 million)
- Multiply and divide multi-digit numbers in simple cases (e.g., multiplying $1,638 \times 7$ or 24×17 , and dividing 6,966 by 6)
- Understand and apply equivalent fractions (e.g., recognizing that $1/4$ is less than $3/8$ because $2/8$ is less than $3/8$)
- Add, subtract, and multiply fractions in simple cases (such as $2\ 3/4 - 1\ 1/4$ or $3 \times 5/8$), and solve related word problems
- Understand simple decimals in terms of fractions (e.g., rewriting 0.62 as $62/100$)
- Measure angles and find unknown angles in a diagram

Personal and Social Responsibilities

- Treat others kindly and with respect
- Has a good attitude and is responsible for their learning
- Listens and follows directions
- Completes assignments in class and at home
- Converses with others using the rules of listening, asking questions and waiting their turn to respond
- Remains on task during independent work

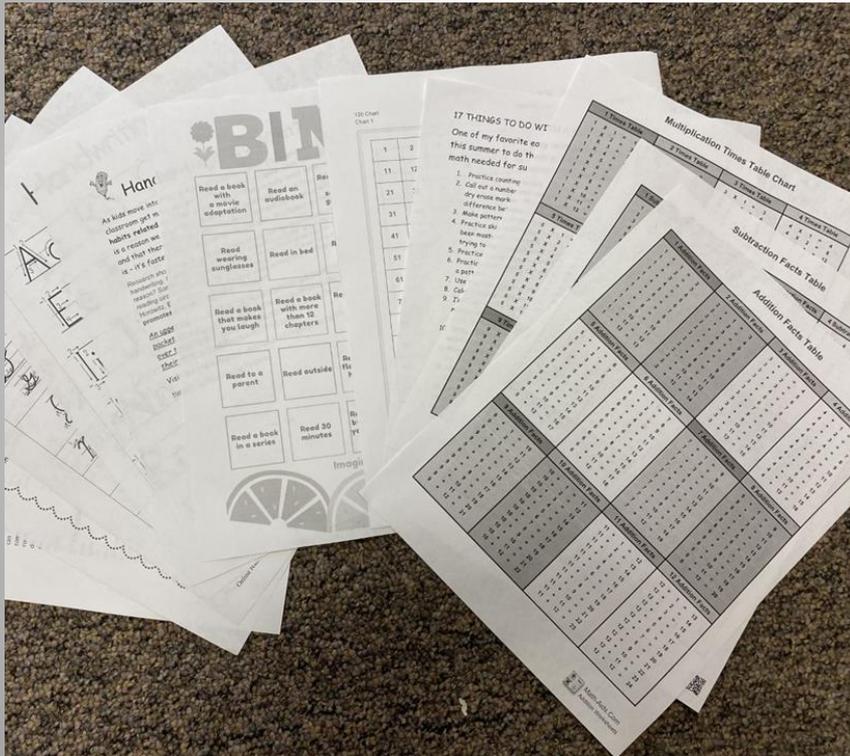
Parent Expectations and Suggestions

- Speak positively about school and staff. If you are excited about learning, your child will be too.
- Communicates with teachers and signs weekly folder.
- Take time to talk about the school day.
- Help with homework.
- Make sure student is prepared for school with needed items and supplies.
- Make sure the student gets plenty of rest each night.
- Makes attendance at school a priority.
- Take time each day to talk to your child about anything and everything.
- Have your child read independently every day. Ask them to tell you about the reading.

Expectations and Suggestions (continued)

- Watch the news together and discuss it.
- Urge your child to use logical arguments to defend his or her opinion.
- Involve your child in activities and games that require listening and following directions.
- Support your child's independence and encourage responsibility by having them pack for a trip or weekend outing, care for belongings, help prepare meals, complete chores around the house, and assist with other everyday activities.
- Provide opportunities to interact with other children.
- Encourage work values such as effort, persistence, and initiative.

Additional Help



Visit our school website (county website @ www.acboe.net) and click on "4th Grade Readiness Newsletter." There are several items that can be printed for you to use with your child. These include: Reading List, Bingo game, Sight Word List, Challenge Word List, Cursive Writing Guide, Multiplication Times Table, and Division Table.

Questions?

Additional information will be distributed to you from your child's teacher(s).

Teachers will contact every parent/guardian to schedule a specific time to come meet them and drop off school supplies at the Back to School Event.

Back-to-School Event

- September 1 – 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- September 2 – 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting with your child's teacher

- September 3 – 3:30 p.m.

