

Welcome to 4th grade!!!

We are looking forward to working with you and your child in fourth grade. We feel confident that you will have a positive experience this year. 😊

Forms, forms, and more forms!!

- ▶ Student Information Sheet
- ▶ Rolodex Card
- ▶ PE Form
- ▶ Code of Conduct Packet
- ▶ INow (Please include the \$10 fee. INow is optional but highly recommended since grades will **NOT** be sent home this year for parents to view.)
- ▶ Free/Reduced Lunch (if applicable)

All forms that you complete need to be placed inside the orientation folder and returned to school on September 8th.

Arrival Procedures

- School doors open at 7:15.
- Morning Supervision: 7:15 – 7:45
- School begins at 8:00
- Students purchasing snack will do so as they arrive, before going to class.
- All students must use the hand sanitizing stations when entering the building.
- If your child is eating breakfast at school, it will be served in the classroom.

Dismissal Procedures

- 2:40 – Walkers dismissed (For the safety of our children, parents are not to walk up to the breezeway to pick up their child.) Dismiss Carpool to the gym
- 2:50 – Dismiss 1st Load
- 2:55 – Dismiss daycare riders to the media center
- 3:00 – Dismiss 2nd Load to the Lunchroom
- 3:00 – Dismiss YMCA to the gym

Discipline Plan

The Dojo point system will be in effect for the 2020-2021 school year. We encourage you to sign up for Class Dojo on the sheet provided to you in the orientation folder, and make sure you keep the app updated on a regular basis to ensure that you are receiving regular communication with your child's teacher. Points are shared between classes, so these are cumulative totals for negative behaviors. The purpose of the Class Dojo system is to create a POSITIVE classroom environment and to encourage your child to exhibit positive behavior throughout the day. Positive points and behaviors are rewarded weekly based on the teacher's reward system. Please understand that negative behaviors impede the learning of others, especially your child, and we want to make this system as fair as possible for everyone. This system has been agreed upon by the teachers and administration, and it will be fully enforced beginning September 8, 2020.

Discipline Plan Cont'd

- One of the greatest features of ClassDojo is that it allows parents to keep up with their child's behavior via the ClassDojo app.
- We are also able to communicate with parents through messaging, and even upload pictures from our day!
- **PLEASE sign up using the PARENT ACCESS CODE in your child's folder.**
- Our hope is that this will help you better understand the progress of your student's behavior on a week-to-week basis.

Discipline Plan Cont'd

Daily each child should earn 6 positive points. Their behavior may earn them extra points. Negative behaviors will deduct Dojo points. If they have 30 or more Dojo points at the end of the week, they receive all 30 minutes of Fun Friday. Friday and office referral Student receives 25 minutes off of Fun Friday, silent snack and silent lunch and possible parent phone call/note or office referral 5 minutes of Fun Friday and the opportunity to earn back Dojo points

Tiered Offense per week	Negative Consequences	Positive Consequences
Student Dojo point total is between 25-29	Student loses 5 minutes of Fun Friday and loss of Dojo points	25 minutes of Fun Friday and opportunity to earn back Dojo points
Student Dojo point total is between 20 - 24	Student will have 10 minutes off of Fun Friday and silent snack	20 minutes of Fun Friday Opportunities to earn back Dojo points
Student Dojo point total is between 15-19	Student will have 15 minutes off of Fun Friday, silent snack and silent lunch	15 minutes of Fun Friday Opportunities to earn back Dojo points
Student Dojo point total is between 10 - 14	Student receives 20 minutes off of Fun Friday, silent snack and silent lunch.	10 minutes of Fun Friday and opportunities to earn back Dojo points
Student Dojo point total is between 5-9 : less than 5 points earns 0 minutes of Fun Friday and office referral	Student receives 25 minutes off of Fun Friday, silent snack and silent lunch and possible parent phone call/note or office referral	5 minutes of Fun Friday and the opportunity to earn back Dojo points

*Some offenses will result in immediate office referral: fighting, bullying or other instances as deemed necessary. Random Positives: Smarties for being a smarty. Class earns a "Ray of Sunshine" for receiving compliments from other teachers or administration and when the class reaches 30 they will have a popsicle treat. Positive parent phone calls with the class.

Homework in fourth grade!

•Homework is important, because it teaches responsibility and helps the students develop good study habits. Homework is not “busy work”. It is given to reinforce skills and concepts taught that day. Homework helps the students prepare for upcoming lessons and test. Please make homework a top priority by scheduling a designated time each day to read, study spelling and unit vocabulary words, memorize math facts, and complete assigned homework. Students will write their assignments/tests on their calendar each Monday. The calendar will be in your child’s binder. Please check it each Monday. Writing down assignments and upcoming tests is ultimately their responsibility.

Math: Your child will usually have homework on Tuesday and Thursday. This work is usually from their math workbook. Not doing this work will result in a negative Dojo point and will effect their homework grade.

Language Arts: Students will have daily classwork that is given to reinforce the skills/objectives taught. If the student uses their time wisely in class, there should be very little or no homework! Homework is given on an “as needed basis”.

Binders

- ▶ All students will have one binder that will contain all of the assignments and information they will need for both classes.
- ▶ Binders will house their Calendar, Reading Unit Overview, Math Vocabulary, Important Notes, Graded Papers, and so much more.
- ▶ This should go to and from school each day with them.

Headphones

- ❖ Students are encouraged to bring their own headphones/earbuds to use at the computer.

Grading Policy

We will grade or critique a large portion of work students complete and expect for them to give their best in all that they do for this class and all of their classes. Grading will be based on a percentage system:

Language

Language grades are not weighted. (These include grammar tests and spelling tests)

Reading

50% Major Grades (includes reading comprehension tests, vocabulary tests, and unit tests)

50% Minor Grades (vocabulary practice and skills practice)

Math

50% Major (includes topic tests, teacher made tests, and projects)

50% Minor (includes DMR tests and skills sheets)

Science & Social Studies

Science and Social Studies grades are not weighted. (These includes tests, quizzes, daily work, and projects)

Weekly Papers/Folders

All graded papers will be sent home in their binder. No papers will need to be signed and returned.

Students will not have a “weekly folder” this year. Behavior/conduct will be documented in Class Dojo and all important papers will be brought home from the student in his/her binder.

We will update this policy as necessary.

Other Important Info

Birthdays: Individually wrapped birthday treats may be sent to school with your child or dropped off in the front office by appointment only. We will serve them during our scheduled snack time.

Transportation: If your child will be going home a DIFFERENT way than usual, they MUST have a note from home. We will send the note to the office, where they keep up with all transportation changes for the day.

Medication: If your child will be taking regular medication at school, please fill out the medication form and return it to school ASAP! Medication of any kind CANNOT be administered without a completed medication form.

Remind 101: Please look in your child's paperwork for directions on how to sign up. We use this often for a means of communication.

Money Matters

- **INOW - \$10 per DPES family** ~ We strongly suggest you purchase this to keep track of your child's academic progress.
- **CLASS DONATION-** If you choose to make a class donation, please send in with your paperwork label "class donation".
- **MONEY SENT TO SCHOOL:** Any time money is sent to school (lunch, snack, etc.), please place EACH payment in a separate, CLEARLY LABELED envelope or baggie. It should be labeled with the student's name and what the money is for.
- **Please send exact change for snack.** Prices on the website.

Snack

- Snacks can be purchased in the Snack Shack or sent in from home.
- Vitally important to send snack money in a labeled envelope.
- Snacks must be purchased in the Snack Shack from 7:15-7:55.
- No carbonated drinks or candy. 😊
- Snack time: 2:25-2:35

First Day Reminders

- Know how you will get home.
- Send a note with any transportation reminders.
- Return all paperwork.
- Bring water bottle, snack or snack money to purchase BEFORE school in Snack Shack.
- Bring a lunch or purchase school lunch. (We will eat in the classroom this year.)
- Wear your mask and a smile! 😊
- ***We love you and can't wait to see you!***



Thank You

We are looking forward to a great year!!!!

"Your child will learn something *everyday* in this class. Some days they will bring it home in their hands. Some days they will bring it home in their heads. Other days, they will bring home what they learned in their hearts."

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