

Welcome to 4th Grade

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Schedule



8:55	Bell Rings
9:00 - 9:15	Technology
9:15 - 10:45	Math
10:45 - 11:30	Science/Social Studies
11:30 - 12:00	Skills
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch
12:45 - 2:45	Literacy
2:45 - 2:55	Planners
2:55 - 3:35	Specials
3:45	Dismissal

Curriculum

Literacy

- New curriculum - Expeditionary Learning - this curriculum was chosen for its alignment with the Common Core
- 4 Major Modules incorporating reading and writing
 - Poetry
 - Animal Defenses
 - Simple Machines
 - Suffrage Movement
- Teachers will also incorporate guided reading groups and creative writing

Curriculum



Math

- Zearn and engageNY
- Closely aligns with the Common Core
- Students will have opportunities to access curriculum using interactive technology (Zearn) and teacher instruction
- Corrected class work will be sent home to support homework

Curriculum

Science	Social Studies- Colorado
The Changing Earth: Students will learn various ways the Earth changes such as weathering and erosion	Geography
Ecosystems: Students will learn about the balance of nature in various ecosystems.	Economics
Physical and Chemical Properties: Students will identify properties of various powders through experimentation	Government History

Homework

Planner:

- **Goes home Mon.-Thurs**
- **Needs to be signed by adult every night**
- **Provides immediate contact for upcoming events**
- **Allow your child to be responsible for filling in the planner and getting it signed**

Homework:

- Spelling work every Monday; spelling test every Friday
- Reading: 30 minutes a night - title must be written in planner
- Math - usually Mon-Thurs reflecting day's lesson
- Occasional long-term assignments

One of most important concepts of homework - **time management**

Field trips

Spell-a-thon:

- students study 100 4th grade words
- they get pledges for the amount they get correct
- they take the test
- they collect their pledges
- money is applied to field trips

Possible trips:

- Colorado History Museum
- Governor's Mansion/Capitol
- Disney Earth Day movie- "Born to China" Pandas - Colorado Blvd. Cinema
- Young Ameritowne
- Lodo walking tour
- Bluff Lake
- End of year picnic

Communication

- Bi-monthly Grade level Newsletter will be sent out the 1st and 3rd Thursday via e-mail.
- communication through e-mail:
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