

How can you help your child get ready for Fourth Grade over the summer?



Some suggestions:

- ◆ Visit the public library regularly.
- ◆ Read as much as possible!
- ◆ Practice your cursive. Write in a journal, write stories, poetry, or letters to your friends.
- ◆ Visit museums.
- ◆ Construct a travel journal or brochure highlighting a place you visited.
- ◆ Play math games that involve multiplication and division.
- ◆ Make multiplication facts flash cards and have someone help you practice your facts. Make a game out of it!
- ◆ Try some organizational activities:

*Develop a system of organizing your books, clothes, collectibles, etc.

*Organize or plan a fun even for your friends.

*Help Mom or Dad organize a grocery list.

*Get plenty of exercise, enjoy the warm weather and begin fifth grade with a positive attitude and a smile!

Fourth Grade Supply List:

- 3 Red checking pencils or pens
- 3 Blue or black ink pen
- 4 dry erase markers Expo 2 (low odor)
- 1 box colored pencils or crayons
- 2 dozen pencils with erasers
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener
- 1 pair of pointed scissors
- 12" flat, clear ruler, inches (to 1/8") and centimeters (or a ruler that is easy to read)
- Calculator
- 6 glue sticks
- 300 sheets wide ruled, loose-leaf paper
- 1 in. white 3-ring binder with transparent cover
- 3 separate spiral notebooks (100 sheet, wide ruled)
- 5 pocket folders (must have 3 brads and 2 pockets)*
- 1 pkg. of 5 count tab dividers for 3-ring binders
- 3 book covers (not the sticky ones; brown grocery bags are fine)
- 1 pencil box
- 1 plain, medium Post-It pads
- 1 box of gallon-size plastic zip-lock bags
- 1 bottle of pump soap or hand sanitizer
- 1 roll of paper towels
 - 2 large boxes of Kleenex or Puffs
- *Purchase Planner separately from office.*
- **Separate lists will be provided by your child's teacher.**
- **Please label all items.**

Welcome to Fourth Grade



In **Reading** students will...

- ♦ Read grade level text with fluency and comprehension
- ♦ Read, listen and interact with a variety of text
- ♦ Predict, summarize, question, know fact vs. opinion
- ♦ Examine author's style and purpose
- ♦ Identify setting, plot, conflict, characters' motives, and different viewpoints of characters
- ♦ Read and respond to a variety of different genres
- ♦ Use reference materials and parts of books to find information



In **Writing** students will...

- ♦ Compose multiple paragraphs using the writing process and traits of good writing
- ♦ Write in a variety of different formats such as: friendly and business letters; descriptive and narrative essays; and expository writing
- ♦ Use planning strategies such as brainstorming, mapping, webbing, reading and discussion
- ♦ Create presentations to present information and ideas clearly.



In **Music**... rhythm and movement; song and dance, music appreciation.

In **Physical Education**...good sportsmanship, self-confidence, self-discipline, and healthy, lifetime habits.

In **Math** students will be...

- ♦ Identifying, renaming, comparing and ordering fractions.
- ♦ Adding/Subtracting fractions with common denominators
- ♦ Adding, Subtracting, Multiplying and Dividing multi-digit whole numbers and decimals
- ♦ Analyzing patterns
- ♦ Using equations and interpreting variables
- ♦ In *Geometry* we will be examining lines, line segments, rays, angles, polygons, properties of solids, and using formulas
- ♦ Measuring length, perimeter, area, mm, cm, inches, feet, etc
- ♦ Analyzing data with median, mode, minimum, maximum, and range
- ♦ Graphing data with plots, bar/line graphs, and tally charts
- ♦ Problem Solving and justifying answers with pictures, numbers, and words.



In **Science** students will explore...

- ♦ Engineering Toys (physical, energy, motion, and forces)
- ♦ Investigating Chemistry (physical and chemical changes)
- ♦ NM Earth Science (meteorology, geology, and astronomy)
- ♦ Survival (what plants and animals need to survive)
- ♦ Healthy Science (body systems)



In **Social Studies** students will be exploring...

- ♦ Map Skills
- ♦ Regions of the U.S.
- ♦ New Mexico History
- ♦ States and Capitals

Fourth Grade Tips:

Fourth grade is a special time in your child's life. Please express the importance of being at school and making their learning time worthwhile during the school day.

He or she will continue to learn and build upon past experiences, including academic skills, organizational skills, social skills, self-confidence, and responsibility.

Students, do your best to be at school every day and missing out on daily work can be stressful and difficult to catch up with. Keep up with your agendas and if you are absent, make sure you know what you missed!!

If you present your best quality work each assignment and keep up with homework and class assignments, this will help prepare you for middle school!!