

4th Grade Syllabus

WELCOME

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Happy New Year! We are very excited to be working with you and your child this year to achieve success in the 4th grade. We have a fulfilling year ahead with a lot to accomplish, and we are eager to get started!

The fourth grade curriculum covers many exciting new topics, and this year will be filled with many meaningful learning experiences. We're passionate about learning, and feel that students can learn best when their lessons are relevant and useful. We will provide your child with many memorable educational experiences and hands-on activities to help facilitate their learning in a practical way.

We have very high expectations for our fourth grade students, and are confident we can meet these expectations with teamwork and communication. A child's quality education needs support and hard work from the teacher, parent, and students. Let's work together to reach our maximum potential this year! Our work will be challenging, but very rewarding and we expect students to take initiative and responsibility for their own learning.

In this packet we have included basic classroom policies and procedures. Please read it through carefully with your child. We are truly excited for this year to begin!

Sincerely,

4th Grade Teachers

Daily Supplies/Materials	Contact Information
<p>Students should have all supplies needed for each class.</p> <p>Laptops are expected to be charged and ready for use at the beginning of each school day.</p>	<p>Main Office Number : (706) 821-2766</p> <p>Ms. Drago Math & Science DragoTh@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us</p> <p>Ms. Hope ELA & Social Studies HopeSa@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us</p> <p>Ms. Greene Math & Science- GreenHa@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us</p> <p>Ms. Kendrick ELA & Social Studies - kendrju@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us</p> <p>Homework Information: Webpage, Remind 101, and Class Dojo</p>

Classroom Expectations

Before you walk in the classroom... We expect that all students are:

1. Ready to learn with a positive attitude
2. On time
3. Well-rested
4. Nourished from a healthy breakfast
5. Prepared with materials/supplies/homework needed for the day

When you are in the classroom... We expect that all students:

1. Respect and value all members of the Belair k-8 community and visitors.
2. Follow directions of adults the first time they are given.
3. Raise hands and wait for permission before speaking or leaving their seat.
4. Remain focused and listen to peers and adults.
5. Participate actively and give their all to the lessons.

During the first week of school, we will go over these expectations extensively so we are all on the same page and so there is no confusion.

Classroom Management Plan

In our class, students will be recognized for their positive behavior as well as receive consequences for disruptive behavior. Students who consistently demonstrate appropriate behavior will be positively rewarded with praise, positive notes sent home, small rewards, and other special privileges. On the other hand, students who demonstrate distracting, disruptive, or disobedient behavior will have consequences as follows:

Grade Level Discipline Plan

Physical fight or Level 3 Behavior- Automatic Office Referral

- First Offense - Warning and Think Sheet
- Second Offense - Student Conference Form
- Third Offense - Teacher Choice During Recess
- Fourth Offense - Parent Conference (by phone or in person)
- Fifth Offense - Time out in another class on the same team for 15 min.
- Sixth Offense - Time out in another class on another team for 15 min.
- Seventh Offense - Office Referral

Let's avoid the "D-Behavior" (distracting, disruptive, and disobedient) so we can all learn effectively.

Homework Policy

Homework will be assigned Monday-Thursday and should take students no more than one hour to complete. Some long-term projects may require time on Friday or weekends.

Why Do We Assign Homework?

We believe that learning happens everywhere, and in order to reinforce the day's lessons and achieve mastery of our objectives, it will be crucial for students to spend time after school with their homework. We will not give homework just for the sake of giving homework-like our lessons, homework will be **purposeful**.

Grading Policy

Visit this link <https://www.rcboe.org/Domain/9409> for instructions to access your child's grades in Infinite Campus.

Grading Weights for Math, ELA, Science, and Social Studies:

Classwork: 60%

Assessments/Projects: 40%

Grading Scale:

A=100-90

B= 89-80

C= 79-75

D=74-70

F= 69 and below

Projects:

Projects will count twice. Late work will be accepted for projects. Five points will be taken off if the assignment is not turned in when due. Students have one week to turn the assignment in to the teacher. After one week, the assignment will no longer be accepted.

Learning Happens In and Out of School!

At Home Expectations

In order to reach the maximum learning potential, students will be expected to complete regular homework assignments and they should have a quiet place and designated time for this. We strongly recommended parents regularly consult their student's homework sheet to understand what students are accomplishing and what needs to be turned in.

Education happens both at school and at home! Let's work together to achieve success!

Parent-Teacher Communication

We are always available by email and ClassDojo. Appropriate hours for phone calls are before school (8:30 am) or during planning. If you would like to have an in person conversation about your child's progress, please contact the teacher to set up an appointment. We appreciate open communication and enjoy contact even when things are going right, so don't be surprised if we call home to share good news!