**Miss Neil- 4th Grade**

**2024-2025**

Hello! Welcome to 4th grade! My name is Jackie Neil, and I will be your 4th grade teacher. This syllabus will describe our units of study for each content area. It will also describe grading policies, transportation policies, as well as absence policies.

**Math:**

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| **1st Semester** | **Place Value, Addition and Subtraction of Whole Numbers** | **Patterns and Algebraic Reasoning** | **Multiplication and Division** | **Fractions and Decimals** |
| **2nd Semester** | **Finishing up fractions and decimals** | **Angle Measurement**  | **Reasoning with Shapes** | **Review of all content** |

**Science:**

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| **1st Semester** | **Moon Phases and Weather** | **Stars, Planets, and the Moon** | **Forecasting the Weather** |
| **2nd Semester** | **Ecosystems/Flow of Energy** | **Light and Sound** | **Force and Motion** |

**Social Studies:**

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| **1st Semester** | **American Revolution** | **Challenges of the Constitution** | **Westward Expansion/Abolition and Suffrage Movements** |
| **2nd Semester** | **The Civil War** | **Economics** | **Review of content** |

**English/Language Arts:**

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| **1st Semester** | **Text Analysis/Narrative Writing** | **Main Idea/Informative Writing** | **Story Elements/Opinion Writing** |
| **2nd Semester** | **Compare and Contrast/Narrative Writing** | **Theme/Summarizing/****informative Writing**  | **Point of View/Opinion Writing** |

**Attendance-** All students are encouraged to attend class daily. In the event of an absence, students must have an excuse when the student returns to school. Make up work will be given to the student when they return. If a student misses a test because of an absence, the student will be given the test when he or she returns. Students need to be in class by 8:30am, otherwise, they will have to get a tardy pass from the office.

**Transportation:** If there is a change in normal transportation, the student must bring a note written by the parent, or I must receive an email from the parent. If I do not have a note or an email, the student must use their normal means of transportation to get home.

**Behavior-** There is zero tolerance for misbehavior in the classroom. If there is an issue, it will be handled appropriately with the parents and administration. Students will be expected to show P.A.W.S.

* **Positive Attitude:** Students will use kind words and show that they want to be successful.
* **Act Responsibly:** Students will follow all classroom and school rules. Students will use good listening skills and be prepared for learning.
* **Work for Success:** Students will participate in class activities and discussions. Students will do their best on all assignments.
* **Show Respect:** Students will follow classroom and school rules. Students will keep hands and feet to themselves.

**Class Dojo**- Our class will be using Class Dojo to track behavior as well as any class information. Students will receive a daily behavior sheet that correlates with their points on Class Dojo for each day. On Friday, the top 3 students that have the most positive points will receive a prize.

**Grading Policy**

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| **Minor Grades****(quizzes, graded assignments)** | **60% of grade** |
| **Major Grades (unit tests, essays, research papers, projects)** | **40% of grade** |

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| **A** | 90-100 |
| **B** | 80-89 |
| **C** | 75-79 |
| **D** | 70-74 |
| **F** | Below 70 |

**Promotion Requirements-** All students in 4th and 5th grade must receive a passing grade in BOTH *Math and Language Arts*; must receive a passing grade in TWO of the following: *Social Studies, Science, Health* in order to be promoted to the next grade level.

**Homework Policy:** Students will be given homework each night. Homework will be due every Friday. I will check homework every day. If students have completed each homework assignment during the week, they will receive a prize on Fridays.

**Birthdays/Celebrations:** Students with birthdays may bring in treats for the class. We will celebrate either during lunch or after 2:00pm. We will have 4 parties this year: Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine’s Day, and the end of the year. All treats must be individually wrapped and nut-free.

**\*\*Please use Class Dojo to contact me. You may contact me from 6:00am-7:00pm. My quiet hours are after 7:00pm and on the weekends. If you message me during that time, please understand that I will not respond until I receive it.**