



# WELCOME TO FOURTH GRADE

## **Dear Parents/Guardians,**

Hello! My name is Daphne Padgett, and I am the 4th Grade Language Arts teacher at McBean Elementary School. This is my fourth-year teaching. I am truly excited to have your child in my classroom this year!

I work hard to create a classroom environment where every student can thrive. I use a variety of teaching methods and strategies to ensure each child is successful. I have a great year planned, and I'm looking forward to all the learning and growth ahead.

Here is some helpful information to make this school year a success:

### **Morning Drop-Off:**

Breakfast begins at 7:45 AM. School starts at 8:15 AM. Parents may walk their child to class only on the first day of school. After that, staff will be stationed in the hallways to help students get to their classrooms.

### **Afternoon Pick-Up:**

School ends at 3:05 PM. If you are picking up your child, please remain in your car in the car rider line at the front of the building. Staff will escort students to their vehicles. Bus riders and Prime Time students will remain with their teachers until dismissal.

### **Transportation Changes:**

Please send a written note if your child will go home a different way. If someone not listed on the release card is picking up your child, a note must be sent to school. Verbal messages from students cannot be accepted. For same-day changes, message me on Class Dojo and contact the front office.

### **Homework:**

In accordance with the Richmond County Student Handbook, students will receive one homework grade per quarter. Weekly homework assignments will be sent home unless otherwise noted. Please be aware that homework is considered part of the student's overall responsibility and is subject to the school's Code of Conduct.

**Money:**

When sending money, place it in an envelope labeled with your child's name, teacher's name, the amount, and the purpose.

**Attendance:**

Daily attendance is essential unless your child is sick. Written excuses (parent or doctor notes) are required upon return. The school accepts up to 5 parent-written notes; additional absences require a doctor's note. Excessive absences or tardies will be reported to DFCS.

**Grading Information:**

Grades will be updated weekly in Infinite Campus. Final grades are based on the semester average using the following breakdown:

**Minor Grades (60%)** – quizzes, assignments, etc.

**Major Grades (40%)** – tests, essays, projects, etc.

**Parent/Teacher Communication:**

Strong communication between home and school is essential for student success. I will keep in touch regularly through letters, phone calls, conferences, and Class Dojo. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. If you message me after school hours, I will respond the following school day during regular hours.

I'm looking forward to an amazing year of learning and growth in Language Arts!

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