



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to 4th grade! My name is Amy Harden, and I am thrilled to be your child's teacher this year. I believe that learning is a journey, not a race, and I am committed to walking alongside my students every step of the way. In our classroom, I will push each student to aim high, believe in their greatness, and strive for excellence—because I truly believe they are capable of amazing things. As Nelson Mandela once said, “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” Together, we're going to build a classroom community where effort is celebrated, curiosity is encouraged, and growth is always the goal. I can't wait to get started and make this a fun and unforgettable year! Here are things to keep in mind as we begin the school year:

Morning Drop-Off:

Breakfast begins at 7:50 AM. School starts at 8:20 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. Homework assignments will be sent home Monday and Wednesday 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%) – classwork, math journals, quizzes, and practice activities

Major Grades (40%) – unit tests, performance tasks, and math projects

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 ClassDojo. 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 especially excited to teach math this year and can't wait to pour into your children—helping them build confidence, master new skills, and discover just how fun and powerful math can be!

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