

4th Grade Syllabus

Dr. Holt

Welcome Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Welcome to a new school year at Warren Road Elementary! I am very excited to be working with you and your child this year to achieve success in the 4th grade. I have a fulfilling year ahead, with a lot to accomplish, and I am eager to get started!

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

I 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.

This year there will be some non-traditional routines in the classroom. Everyday students are expected to wear a mask, social distance, and bring all supplies to school. Because of COVID 19, sharing will not be encouraged. Parents, please check your child's temperature in the morning before leaving your home. In this packet we have also included basic classroom policies and procedures. Please read it through carefully with your child. We are truly excited for this year to begin!

Sincerely,

Dr. Holt

Daily Supplies/Materials

Contact Information

Because of COVID-19, this year sharing will not be encouraged. Please be sure that your child has their : Earphones/earbuds, pencils, erasers, crayons, markers, scissors, water bottle, and a mask

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Homework Information: Remind 101: [Please see attached sheet to sign up.](#)

Parent-Teacher Communication:

Parents are strongly urged to join Dr. Holt's, Remind 101 to stay informed about homework and school activities. We are always available by email. My email address is holtca@BOE.richmond.k12.ga.us If you would like to have a face-to-face conversation about your student's progress, please contact me to set up an appointment. I believe communication is a two-way street. We especially enjoy contact when things are going right, so don't be surprised if I email or call home to share good news!

Classroom Expectations

Before you walk in the classroom... I 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.

Classroom Management Plan

In my 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:

Discipline Plan:

- 1st Offense - Verbal Warning
- 2nd Offense - 5 minutes deducted from recess & 5 pts off of conduct grade
- 3rd Offense - 10 minutes deducted from recess & 5 additional pts off of conduct grade
- 4th Offense - 15 minutes deducted from recess, 5 additional pts off conduct & parental contact
- 5th Offense - Parents contacted and Discipline 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. Some long-term projects may require time on Friday or weekends. You will start out with a 100 for a homework grade each day you do not turn in your homework 5 points will be taken away from the 100. At the end of the nine weeks the final grade will be used as an assignment grade. Example: If one homework assignment is not completed for the 9 weeks then the homework grade will be a 95.

Why I assign homework:

I 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 System: Grades are weighted in the following classes and categories:

Quizzes will count once, and Tests will count twice.

Grading Scale:

A=100-90 / B= 89-80 / C= 79-74 / D=73-70 / F= 69 and below

Projects:

There will be several projects in each of the subjects throughout the year. For example, there will be a Science Fair project, Black History Month project, etc. Reading Responses in ELA are a continuous year-long project.

Notification will be given in advance for these projects and ample time allowed to complete them. Points will be deducted for each day the project is late. Students have one week to turn the assignment into the teacher. **After one week, the assignment will no longer be accepted.**

Technology:

Student may bring technology (cell phones, tablets, etc.) to school, but may only use them with permission from teacher or administrator. Students may not have them out during test or instruction. If the phone is out or being used without permission the teacher will take conduct points away from the child. The school/teachers are not responsible for any damage or lost technology.

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. They should have a quiet place and designated time for this. I strongly recommended parents regularly consult their student's homework sheet/agenda 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!