



Summer 2017

Dear Fourth Grade Parents,

I hope that you have been thoroughly enjoying your summer. I look forward to hearing about your adventures and travels as we begin the upcoming school year. Although the summer is still in progress, I would like to give you some information regarding the upcoming year, beginning with a glimpse of our fourth grade curriculum.

The fourth grade curriculum helps to support the rich growth that takes place within the children and integrates this knowledge more fully. The tales of Norse mythology weave a picture of the creation of the world from a new perspective, and are creative, imaginative stories for reflection and discussion. The children will be building their knowledge of animals and the human being as well throughout the year. In our focused look at the physiology, habitat, and environment of contrasting animals, the children will develop a deeper understanding of how varied each animal species truly is. Each child will have the opportunity to choose an animal and write a report to express their findings to the class. Through this process, the children's awareness of how to organize writing into full paragraphs with topic sentences, and how to develop the body of a report will be reinforced. The children will dive into the exciting world of fractions and become very comfortable with adding, subtracting, dividing, and multiplying them. Our fourth grade year will be filled with exciting new learning experiences.

The school-year for fourth grade begins on **Tuesday, September 5th**. Our first day is a half day and includes our opening assembly. School will begin at 8:10 am and the students will be **dismissed at 12:00 pm**.

On the first day of school, the children should arrive in **assembly clothes**. Assemblies are important events in the life of our School community, and students are asked to "dress up" out of respect for the time and care that is put into assembly presentations. Appropriate assembly attire includes dresses or skirts, dress slacks, and jackets and ties. (For more information, please refer to the [Student Handbook](#)). Students should also bring-in a snack on this day.

On the **second day of school**, the children should bring-in the following materials:

- A change of clothes (all items labeled with your child's full name) as well as a painting apron (shirt without a logo).

- A set of rain pants and rain boots.
- Lunch in a labeled lunchbox (again, without any logos) or money for cafeteria lunch.
 - Students will be provided with a new scannable lunch card during the first week of school that can be used to purchase lunch in the cafeteria.
 - To set-up a new cafeteria account for your child, please refer to the [Lunch Account](#) information page on the School's website for directions.

Please also mark your calendars for our first fourth grade parent meeting on **Wednesday, September 20 from 7:00-8:30pm**. We will preview the fourth grade year and discuss important developmental changes to be expected. Please mark your calendars now and please make every effort to attend! I look forward to seeing you in September.

I miss the children, and am looking forward to our fourth grade school year!

Kindly,

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