



Dear Rising 4th Grade Parents & Guardians,

I hope that you have been having a wonderful summer and I look forward to hearing all about your travels and adventures as we begin our journey together. I am truly excited to begin the school year.

Fourth grade brings many exciting changes—a new hallway, eating lunch in the cafeteria, playing in the 4th grade orchestra and homework! Below you will find important information as we begin to prepare for our year together.

The first day of school is **Tuesday, September 4th**. Our first day is a half day, beginning at **8:10** am with dismissal at **12:00 pm**. We will have main lesson, snack/recess and the Opening Assembly. The children are expected to wear assembly clothes (please refer to the dress code in the Handbook). Pack a snack for your child and have them bring their summer reading illustrations to share with their classmates on the first day.

Classroom Welcome

I welcome you and your child (and siblings) to school on **Tuesday, August 28th** anytime between **12:00 pm and 2:00 pm** to allow the children to get acclimated to the new classroom, see where their cubbies will be, and fitted for desks and chairs. You are welcome to bring any of your child's classroom supplies at this time.

Supplies

Please keep in mind that all school supplies should be simple (no media logos), sturdy and labeled with your child's name. Your child will need:

- 1.a metal water bottle with a fully closable lid
- 2.a pair of sneakers for gym
- 3.a change of clothes labeled with your child's name
- 4.a set of rain pants, jacket and boots
- 5.for German Class a dark blue, 1" wide, 3-ring binder with pockets, 50 sheets of wide-ruled paper and two dividers
- 6.their instrument for orchestra

Lunch and Snack

4th grade will eat lunch in the cafeteria. They can bring lunch from home or buy lunch at school. If your child brings lunch please make sure to label their lunchbox with their name. To set up a cafeteria account for your child please refer to the Lunch account on the school's web site.

Please keep in mind that the menus prepared in the cafeteria are balanced, organic, healthy meals. If you pack lunch for your child make sure to avoid processed convenience foods and sugary sweets.



Arrival and Dismissal

We will start class promptly at **8:10 am**. It is distracting for the class and unsettling for the child to arrive after class has begun. Thank you for making every effort to have your child arrive on time.

Dismissal is at **3:15 pm**. If your child takes the bus please let me know by written note your child's regular schedule. When changes occur you can send a note with your child in the morning or you can call the Main Office before **2:30** and they will let me know. Remember that a young child does not always remember verbal instructions and can become anxious when they don't know how they are supposed to get home. If you are picking your child up you can meet them at the classroom.

School Attire

The children should come to school in clothes and shoes without media images or large logos which are comfortable and allow them to move freely. Close-toed sneakers are preferred for safety reasons. Please read the Dress Code in the Handbook. Thank you for following the guidelines.

Birthdays

We will celebrate birthdays in the classroom with classmates and teacher. Please send in healthy treats on the day we celebrate your child's birthday.

First Parent Meeting

Our first Parent Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 20th**, from **7:00 pm to 8:30 pm** in the fourth grade classroom. We will preview the fourth year and meet with our orchestra teacher Dr. Dale Stuckenbruck. Please mark your calendars now and make every effort to attend. Additional Parent Meeting dates are **November 29th, January 4th, and April 10th**.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and let me know if you have any questions.

With Warmest Regards,

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