

4th Grade Syllabus 2020

Course Description

During your student's 4th grade year we will excel in reading, writing, math, science, social studies and social skills. 4th grade is a wonderful year for students where they learn to be leaders, gaining responsibility for their actions and confidence in their skills. Each student comes prepared at their own level and the course work we will do will meet and exceed those levels. If you have questions about the courses we are learning, please contact me.

Course Outline and Standards & Units of Instruction and Objectives

	1 st Quarter August 24th - October 23rd	2 nd Quarter October 24th - January 15th	3 rd Quarter January 16th - March 15th	4 th Quarter March 16th - June 4th
Reading	Unit 1 - Building a Reading Life (6 weeks) start Unit 2 - Supporting Foundational Skills in Nonfiction Reading (3 weeks)	finish Unit 2 - Supporting Foundational Skills in Nonfiction Reading (3 weeks) Unit 3 - Reading & Text Based Evidence (5 weeks) start Unit 4 - Learning Through Reading (1 week)	finish Unit 4 - Learning Through Reading (4 weeks) Unit 5 - Comparing & Contrasting: Tackling Complex Texts (5 weeks)	Unit 6 - Testing as a Genre: Reading (5 weeks) Unit 7 - Research Based Reading (4 weeks)
Writing	Unit 1 - Narrative Writing: Revisiting Narratives & Realistic Fiction (6 weeks) start Unit 2 - Opinion Writing: Personal/Persuasive Essays (3 weeks)	finish Unit 2 - Opinion Writing: Personal/Persuasive Essays (3 weeks) Unit 3 - Opinion Writing: Literary Essay (5 weeks) start Unit 4 - Informational Writing: Growing as Writers (1 week)	finish Unit 4 - Informational Writing: Growing as Writers (4 weeks) Unit 5 - Narrative Writing: Narrative Craft (5 weeks)	Unit 6 - Testing as a Genre: Writing (5 weeks) Unit 7 - Informational Writing: History Comes to Life (4 weeks)
Math	Unit 1 - Applying Place Value Conversions in Addition & Subtraction (4 weeks) Unit 2 - Exploring Factors & Multiples (2 weeks) start Unit 3 - Using Multiplication & Division Strategies (3 weeks)	finish Unit 3 - Using Multiplication & Division Strategies (1 week) Unit 4 - Composing & Decomposing Fractions for Addition & Subtraction (2 weeks) Unit 5 - Recognizing & Analyzing Attributes of 2D Shapes (3 weeks) Unit 6 - Und. Fractions Equiv. & Comp. (2 weeks) start Unit 7 - Angle Measurement (1 week)	finish Unit 7 - Angle Measurement (2 weeks) Unit 8 - Introduction MT Conversions (3 weeks) Unit 9 - Solving Problems Using Mult. Comp. (2 weeks) start Unit 10 - Solving MT Problems Using Comp. (2 weeks)	finish Unit 10 - Solving MT Problems Using Comp. (1 week) Unit 11 - Solving Addition & Subtraction Problems with Fractions (3 weeks) Unit 12 - Multiplying Fractions by Whole Numbers (1 week) Unit 13 - Comparing Decimal Fractions (2 weeks) Unit 14 - Problem Solving with Whole Numbers (2 weeks)

Science	Science Safety & Skills (3 weeks)	Unit 2 - Stars & the Solar System (7 weeks)	finish Unit 3 - Weather & Climate (4 weeks)	finish Unit 4 - Characteristics & Growth of Organisms (3 weeks)
	Unit 1 - Forms of Energy: Light & Sound (6 weeks)	start Unit 3 - Weather & Climate (2 weeks)	start Unit 4 - Characteristics & Growth of Organisms (5 weeks)	Spiral Review (6 weeks)
Social Studies	Intro Unit - Exploration & Native Americans (3 weeks)	Unit 2 - Colonies Unite (6 weeks)	Unit 4 - Motivations to Expand (4 weeks)	Unit 6 - A Nation Divided (5 weeks)
	Unit 1 - Settlement of the United States (6 weeks)	Unit 3 - A Nation Emerges (3 weeks)	Unit 5 - Effects of Expansion (5 weeks)	Unit 7 - Rebuilding a Nation (4 weeks)

The students will show growth, development and mastery of these skills.

Grading Scale

A	90 – 100
B	80 – 89
C	70 – 79
D	60 – 69
F	Below 60

Grading Criteria

Grades in my class will be based on a multitude of facets. Grades will be kept on both a hard copy as well as in the district adopted Gradebook system. Grades will be recorded for progress reports and report cards and sent home as specified by the district calendar. Parents can keep track of the grades by joining Backpack (see school's website for info.). A percentage of grades will be counted as a minor grade and a percentage are counted as major grades.

- classwork
- participation/notebook checks
- projects
- reports
- writings
- quizzes
- tests

Classroom Basics

When you log-in to Google Classroom you will see the STREAM. This is where you will see messages from your teacher and classmates. **DO NOT** use this for personal messages. Comments should only be about school work or in response to questions or concerns raised by the teacher or classmates.

On the CLASSWORK tab, you can see your assignments. Check in with **View Your Work**. This is where you see a summary of all your assignments.

If an icon is **blue**, it means you **need to give an answer** or need to post some work for it. After you have added all your work, tap on Turn In. Now the homework will be submitted to your teacher. If prompted, Mark as Done. The icon for the assignment should now be gray on View your Work.

In addition, students can click on the 3 lines menu on the top left of their screen. Scroll down to the To-Do. This will show all assignments, including any past due!

