

Fourth Grade Homework Information

With the exception of math, all homework assignments will be given at least six days in advance of the due date

On Fridays, your child should come home with four sheets of paper:

- literature circle assignment
- vocabulary study guide
- five spelling words
- Latin study guide

Also on Fridays, the fourth grade Sycamore language arts page will be updated with two Internet links, one for the weekly video, and one for a non-fiction reading text.

Language Arts

Video

Your child will have to go to the fourth grade language arts classroom page within Sycamore and click on a link that will take them to a video. They have to watch the video and summarize the main points using exactly six statements. This assignment is given on a Friday, and the six statements must be returned by the following Friday. Your child will be shown how to do this during the first week of school.

Reading Text

Your child will have to go to the fourth grade language arts classroom page within Sycamore and click on a link that will take them to a short non-fiction text. They will have to read the text and then summarize the main points using exactly six statements. This assignment is given on a Friday, and must be returned by the following Friday. Your child will be shown how to do this during the first week of school.

Literature Circles

Every Friday, Your child will be given a set number of pages to read in a provided book. He or she will also be given a literature circle assignment which they must complete at home. This will then be presented to their literature circle group the following Friday.

Vocabulary

Every Friday, your child will be given the definitions of sixteen words. It would be helpful for your child to have short study periods of up to fifteen minutes as multiple exposures of the words in context will be the key to success. This will also be supported in class on Mondays and Wednesdays. Vocabulary assessments will take place every Thursday

Spelling

Your child will come home with five new words every Friday. He or she will have to learn these words and place them in context on the back of the sheet provided. He or she must return this sheet to school on Thursday mornings. Each student will be tested by a fellow student on Thursday mornings. Each student will learn their own set of words that they have already spelled incorrectly in class. This process will be modeled in class before the second week of school.

Fourth Grade Math

Mr. Maskell does not teach math to fourth grade students. Please refer to Mrs. Ryan or Mrs. Von's homework pages

Third Grade Math

Students will be given math homework each evening unless there is an assessment that day. Depending on ability, some students will have extra challenges above the level of classroom instruction, while others will be reinforcing concepts that were not necessarily mastered in class. Parents will receive a study guide (at curriculum night) for assisting your child with assessments. Evidence of the student's assessments may be viewed in the classroom binders but may not be taken home.

Science/Social Studies

Study guides will be sent home at least six days before each assessment. These will be in both paper and electronic form. The PowerPoint study guides are optional as your child has already had multiple exposures to concepts in class. All projects in these two disciplines will be done during class time. Nothing will be taken home except the study guides.

Latin

Each week, your child will learn Classical Latin and will bring home a study guide on Friday evening. They will be given an assessment each Friday morning.