

Welcome Rising 4th Graders!

Next year in 4th grade, you will have three teachers. Ms. Benzur teaches Language Arts, Ms. Lockwood, teaches Math, and Ms. Lambert teaches Science. Your homeroom teacher will teach Social Studies. Since we are switching classes, we are constantly on the lookout for good behavior. Make sure you have all of your supplies and completed work with you. You may bring a snack, but it must be healthy. No cookies or chips. Water is the only drink you may bring. Remember to stay in your seat and raise your hand before you speak.

Language Arts

Next year, you will be doing a lot of reading and writing through authors' studies. Be sure to start on your AR points over the summer. You will be expected to reach 40 points each semester. If you are interested in Reading Bowl, some of the books are available through ebooks (see Ms. Brown). Also, practice your cursive handwriting. You will be expected to know this, and you will be required to write your first and last name on everything. ***Summer homework assignment: You are required to read a chapter book this summer. A project will be completed about the book during the first week of school.***

Math

Study your facts. You will need to know your facts for addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Math will be a challenge if you are unfamiliar with them. Practice every night and establish it as your daily routine. Fractions and Decimals are also a big part of 4th grade Math. Check out these websites for some fun practice:

www.factmonster.com

www.aaamath.com

www.mathplayground.com

www.thelearningodyssey.com

mathcontest.olemiss.edu

Science

Next year we will study Weather, Ecosystems, Astronomy, Light & Sound, Force & Motion, and Simple Machines. Feel free to read up on any of these topics and visit informational places such as Fernbank. If you're going to watch TV, watch the Discovery Channel!

Social Studies

We will be studying early American History from ancient Americans up until just before the Civil War. Check out a few books about events concerning the Colonialism, the Revolutionary War, and Westward Expansion. The History Channel has some wonderful programs about these events as well.

Over the summer, don't let those brains go to mush! Go to places that are fun and cheap or free. Here are some suggestions:

Fernbank Science Center
Yellow River Game Ranch
Stone Mountain
Arabia Mountain
Story time at the library
High Museum
Shark Week on the Discovery Channel in August!

Michael C. Carlos Museum
Jimmy Carter Center
Martin Luther King Memorial
Chattahoochee Nature Center
Explore a local creek
Go camping (and identify different animals)