

4th Grade Information Packet

Welcome to the 4th Grade! We are looking forward to a wonderful year. Once you have read these pages, and discussed all aspects with your child, we ask that you sign and return only the **last** page. Keep all other pages in a safe place to refer back to throughout the year as necessary.

Team Teaching

Each fourth grader will have the opportunity to experience some departmentalized teaching. Fourth grade is divided into two teams. Students will switch classes during the day. Your child will have one teacher for Sci/SS, one ELA and one Math teacher.

Team 1

-Mrs. Atwood
(Social Studies & Science)

-Mr. White
(ELA)

-Mrs. Benton
(Math)

Team 2

-Mrs. Atwood
(Social Studies & Science)

-Mrs. Smith
(ELA)

-Mrs. Bledsoe
(Math)

Discipline

Each student's discipline will be recorded on the six weeks behavior calendar that will be located in his or her take home folder. This calendar needs to be checked each night and signed by a parent each night. At the beginning of each six weeks a student's discipline record will start over and a new behavior calendar will be issued.

Student Rules

1. Be Respectful
2. Be Responsible
3. Be Ready To Learn

Possible Rewards and Consequences

Students will be encouraged to do their best at all times. Students may be rewarded with stickers, positive notes home, end of six weeks celebration, treasure chest prize, educational computer time, and teacher reward coupons. Consequences will be assessed in accordance with the progressive discipline policy of MISD. Possible consequences may include a student/teacher conference, lunch detention, loss of privileges, parent contact, or office referral.

AR Six Weeks Party

All students who earn 100% of their six weeks A.R. goal will participate in the end of six weeks celebration. This goal is personalized to each student and will start over each six weeks.

Conduct and Citizenship

Students will discuss classroom expectations and consequences in detail with their teachers the first week of school. Anytime a student breaks one of the rules discussed a verbal warning will be given and a clip down. After a verbal warning and a the first clip down to blue, any other misbehavior will result in further clip downs that will be marked on the behavior calendar by the teacher. It is of the utmost importance that parents check this calendar nightly and sign that they are aware of their child's daily report. Students will fill out their planners every day to communicate what they are learning in class and if any assignments or tests are coming up. This should be reviewed by parents daily, however it is not necessary to sign it nightly.

- 0-2 color changes (no changes to red or office referrals) = E
- 3-6 color changes (no changes to red or office referrals) = S
- 7-8 color changes = N
- 9 and up (office referrals may result in an automatic U) = U

Please note that if your child does not have any color changes, but does not get their behavior chart signed daily, it will result in an S for the six weeks conduct grade.

Grading Policy

MISD utilizes the Skyward electronic grade book program. Each parent will have access to their child's grades through this system. If you have any questions about this program or would like your access information, please contact the office for assistance.

- Homework- On occasion your child will have homework. When assigned, your student will record this assignment in their planner and will highlight this assignment to show it will be completed at home. Late homework will result in the student attending study hall and points will be deducted.
- Missing/Late Work- Students with missing or late work will be encouraged to attend study hall in order to catch up.
 - 1st day late 10 points deducted
 - 2nd day late 20 points deducted
 - 3rd day late a zero will be given in the grade book

This does not apply if a student has been absent. Students that are absent get one day for every day they were out to make up work.

- Extra credit- Each week, an extra credit assignment opportunity will be available for your child. This assignment will count as extra points towards the lowest grade in the grade book at the end of the six weeks. Extra credit will not be reflected in your child's grades until the end of the six weeks. It is your child's responsibility to pick up and turn in extra credit.
- Your child will receive one grade per six weeks in reading that reflects their AR percentage earned. Ex: if your child only earned 72% of their goal, then they would get a 72 for their AR grade. This grade is to ensure that your child is continuing to read throughout the six weeks and take tests that demonstrate their comprehension. All student point goals are set individually and will reflect their ability.

Special Points of Interest

MISD cafeteria rules state that you may not bring food for any child other than your own. You may regulate your student's lunch account online. We cannot monitor the amount of snacks your child purchases each day.

If you need to meet with your child's teacher please schedule a conference during our conference period. (2:30-3:30 daily)

4th graders will be responsible for taking three state mandated tests this year. The STAAR test will include a two-day writing test (March 29th & 30th), as well as, a math and reading test (May 9th & 10th).

Students will be assigned a locker in their homeroom teacher's classroom. They will be allowed to access this locker every day before class starts, before lunch and at the end of the day. Students are expected to have all necessary supplies with them throughout the day. Most supplies will be collected by the teacher and will be available in the classroom for students. ***Please make sure your child has a pencil bag, take home folder, planner and library book with them everyday.***

We want to thank you in advance for reviewing and discussing the above items with your child. Responsibility is a big word, but not too big for fourth graders. Together we can make this year fabulous.

Thank you,
Mrs. Atwood, Mr. White, Mrs. Mehler, Mrs. Bledsoe, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Benton

Tarver Rendon Elementary 4th Grade Team

*** Please sign and return this page only to your child's teacher. ***

I have read the 4th grade policies and procedures letter and agree to help my child accept the responsibilities outlined above.

Student Name: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____