**Fourth Grade Newsletter**

**August 4th-8th**

Welcome back to school! We are excited to have everyone back! This week will be amazing. We ask for grace and patience for the first few weeks as we build positive environments in our classrooms. **Please read** all communications that are sent over the coming weeks very carefully. There is plenty of important information headed your way. (ESPECIALLY BELOW!)

**Announcements: (We have a LOT this week!)**

**PLEASE ensure your email address is correct in PowerSchool. We use PowerSchool to send class email messages. Thank you.**

-4th graders have a late lunch! (1:00-1:30) All students may bring a HEALTHY, DRY snack to school each day. (Granola bar, pretzels, goldfish, popcorn, etc.)

Apple sauce or Go-gurt pouches are okay *IF they are in a POUCH*. Please do not send Cheetos or Takis as a snack.

-Students are okay without a water bottle! We do have working water fountains in each hallway. However, students may bring in a water bottle if they wish. Water bottle expectations will be dependent upon classroom teachers. **Please do not send in Stanley cups with open straws.**

-Many important notes will likely come home this week. Be on the lookout for any notes that need to be signed and returned.

-**Arrival and Dismissal for 4th grade occurs at the Main Building East Entrance.** Students may arrive to school by 7:45 AM. Please do not drop off your child unsupervised prior to 7:45! This is a safety issue, as no adults will be outside supervising. Dropping off students at the corner playground to play unsupervised prior to school is not allowed.

-PLEASE PLEASE label ALL sweaters, jackets, raincoats, lunchboxes, waterbottles, etc. Our lost and found area last year was OVERFLOWING with items with no name in them. Be mindful that we have MANY students with the same first name. 😉

-RECESS: During the first few weeks of school, there will be days when the heat index is considered dangerous for outside play. Please be aware that on those days, we will have indoor free time. We will not go outside unless it is safe to do so.

\***Meet the Teacher Night** will be held on **Tuesday, August 12th**. (PARENTS ONLY) There will be two sessions to choose from: 5:30 or 6:15 PM. This will be a time to get to know our team of teachers! Meet the Teacher will be held in Mrs. Koch’s room which is upstairs in the new building. *Please be mindful that Meet the Teacher is not a time for conferences. We are happy to schedule a conference at a later time.*

*This week:*

**Homeroom**: We will learn classroom procedures/rules and learn about our classmates! We will spend Monday and Tuesday with our class only. On Wednesday, we will have a modified transition schedule to meet our switch teachers. We will also practice what rotating to different classes will look like. We will practice full rotations on Thursday and Friday.

**Math:**

**-**Lesson 1: Forms of numbers (expanded form and word form); Review of place value

-Lesson 2: Understanding place value relationships (1 hundred is 10x as much as 1 ten, 1 thousand is 10x as much as 1 hundred, etc.)

\*\*On Friday, we will take a PRACTICE 2x math facts quiz (This will cover the 2 multiplication facts 0x2, 1x2,…., 12x2) Students will have 2 minutes to complete 20 problems. (Students with 504s/IEPs will receive time and a half as documented in plans). Math facts quizzes will ONLY count as 5% of final averages. If your child has already mastered facts, that is fantastic! I will still have them complete quizzes, as maintaining automaticity is crucial. Next week, we will move to the 3x facts. We will continue in order until the 12x fact family.

**Science**

Students will begin to learn about photosynthesis and the importance of the sun's energy for life on Earth.

**Social Studies**

Students will receive an overview of 4th grade social studies and begin to learn classroom reading practices.