



Open House Highlights

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Use our Classroom Website - Our website has current information, homework, parent announcements, calendar and LOADS of educational games geared towards our fourth grade Oregon State Standards.

MUSTANG Folder - All important notes, homework, and assignments come to-and-from school in this folder

Homework - Is passed out Friday and due the next Friday. Homework should take 30-40 minutes a night. Students will read 60 minutes each week. Student will finish their homework packet during Friday recess if it is not complete. Students earn Collegiate Cash for homework turned in ON TIME. Parent signature is required.

Discovery Quest - students give one speech each month. Topics are also posted on our website.

Spelling - our focus is using spelling accurately in writing

Book Contest - Our public library has a book contest just for fourth graders. Students will write and illustrate their own children's book. All fourth graders will participate. We will begin this is November.

Inventerprise - All students will participate in the Inventerprise contest sponsored by Bend Research. This year's topic is "To invent a new or original product that will protect people from something scary." Projects are presentations will be done on Monday, Nov. 7th.

Supply Fee - still collecting \$6 for science and art supplies (Thank you if you have already paid)

Conferences - Held the week of November 15-18. Due to our team teaching situation, conferences may be different than in the past. You will not have a specific assigned time to conference. You may come anytime during the hours given. Your child will lead this conference with you and will share valuable information with you, taking ownership of his or her education. It is extremely important to us that you make every effort to attend this conference. Parents, child, and teachers are a powerful team when working together.

Math Fact Mastery - Please work at home with your child to master all of the basic math multiplication facts before 5th Grade.

Lunches - We are sorry but we are not able to heat up lunches for students in the microwave. Please send food in thermal containers if desired. Students are able to have only one lunch charge this year and will be sent to the office to phone home. You may now pay for lunches online.

School Hours - Students may come in the building at 8:50 am. Students eating breakfast are allowed in earlier. Students who arrive early should go to the playground. On Wednesdays, students are now released at 2:30 pm.

Absent Students - please email both of us, call the office, send a note, or leave us a phone message if your child will be sick or when they return. Students need to make up the work they missed as soon as possible.

Grading Scale Fourth Grade - Intermediate grade students receive grades 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.

98 - 100% = 6
90 - 97% = 5
80 - 89% = 4
60 - 79% = 3
40 - 59% = 2
0 - 39% = 1

Grades of 5 or 6 are considered working at a high level at or above grade level
A grade of 4 is considered working at grade level.

A grade of 3 or below is not up to grade level standards. Corrections should be made and the assignment turned back in to ensure learning of concepts.