

August and September Plans



Welcome to the fourth grade! I am Mrs. Crockett, your child's fourth grade teacher. I look forward to working with your child. I will be sending home monthly plans and a calendar of events at the beginning of each month to let you know what we are doing for the month.

I feel that it is important for you to be aware of your child's work. Therefore, on Thursday your child will be bringing home the seat work, quizzes, tests and other related activities that he/she has completed during the week and which we have checked. This material will be in their "Thursday Folder" It will be most beneficial to you and your child if you will look at these papers together. It will aid you in discovering what your child is learning at school. Please sign "student work dittos" so that I know you have seen your child's work and return them in this folder. You will also find material from the office or me that needs to be seen. Some of this material may need to be completed, signed and returned. Thank you for your assistance and your cooperation with this folder. (Please note that much of the daily and weekly seat work your child has completed will be in their subject folders which will be collected at the end of the unit. The children should be taking the subject folders home nightly to study or to complete unfinished work.)

Your child may bring in a water bottle. This is a privilege and only water can be brought in because of the carpet. Your child may also bring in a nutritious snack to eat. Please bring in a sweat shirt or sweater with your child's name on it.

Our plans are:

We will be getting acquainted our first two days together.

Written composition will be integrated into all subjects especially in reading and social studies, and you may see it called ILA (Integrated Language Arts). We will begin with Functional Writing and then we will be working with narrative elements where we will be writing narrative paragraphs.

In reading we will get acquainted with our new anthology and begin our first theme unit- "Facing Challenges" where we will focus on Character's Traits and Motivation, Story Structure, Compare/Contrast and Question/Answer Relationships.

In math we will work with *Everyday Mathematics* and our first unit will be "Naming and Constructing Geometric Figures." We'll have homework almost every night. Our students need to know their addition and subtraction basic facts for this unit but also please be sure that your child knows their multiplication facts through 9 as we will soon be working with multiplication.

We'll be using the "Harcourt" spelling program. We will have a list of words that may be adjusted in number according to the needs of each individual. We will have homework everyday with a spelling test on Friday. Please encourage your child to study and do their homework each night. Homework for spelling will start in about 2 weeks. We'll be doing some of this work in school for the next 2 weeks.

In science we will begin our unit on Natural Resources. We will have a lab workbook that we will complete together which will be collected. We may have quizzes (study guide provided) and an assessment at the end of the unit somewhere around the end of September.

Homework Pad: Your child will write down their homework each day and I will stamp it. Please read this homework pad each night, check to see that your child has completed his/her homework, and then please sign the homework pad. I check it each day to see that it has been signed. Homework pads (\$5.00) are available if you do not already have one.

We go outside everyday if it is not raining so please be sure your child has appropriate shoes so that they can run around and play.

Our Schedule: A-Day: Library B-Day: Phys. Ed. C-Day: Art D-Day: Music Lunch: 12:58-1:28

I am looking forward to meeting you at the PTA Open House on Tuesday, September 15th to explain our curriculum and other details related to your child.

Have a great month and if you have any concerns, please call me at school (410-638-4190), write a note on your child's homework pad or email me at Karen.Crockett@hcps.org and I will respond as soon as possible.

Karen Crockett