

Charitonuk's Playbook



August 27, 2009

Mrs. Charitonuk's 4th Grade Class

Coach's Corner

Welcome back! It was wonderful to see all of the students back and ready to start after a fun filled summer vacation.

Since we did not have a need for our annual Open House this year, I especially look forward to our Back to School Night, held on Tuesday, September 15th for 4th grade parents. This will give all of us the opportunity to meet one another and explore what fourth grade has in store for your child this year.

We are implementing a new Harcourt series entitled, "Storytown." More information will be shared regarding this program as well as other information related to the fourth grade curriculum at our Back to School Night.

Our class has a late lunch which allows us the opportunity to have a morning snack. This is not a mandatory snack but just suggested to help your child make it through until lunch time. Healthy snacks such as fruits, vegetables, yogurt, Goldfish are perfect examples of simple, healthy snacks that can be eaten in about 5 minutes.

Monday folders will begin after the Back to School Night. This folder resembles a "mini" progress report for students and parents showing how behavior was throughout the week. These are to be signed and returned the following day. If comments are needed, they will be written at the bottom of the page. Parents are welcomed to write any thoughts or comments within this folder as well.

Miss. Naselrod is our Towson Intern this year. She will be with us for the first half of the year. Be sure to read her introductory letter to parents attached to this newsletter.

On the back of each monthly newsletter parents will find a calendar indicating important events taking place in our room. All assessment dates are tentative until formally announced in your child's homework pad. Dates usually do not stray far from those indicated on the monthly calendar. Since there will be some regrouping in ILA and math, tests dates for these subjects will not be placed onto our class calendar.

I look forward to an exciting year with this class!

What's Going On!

ILA- Storytown-Facing Challenges
Math-Basic elements in Geometry
Writing-Writing Fundamentals-Immersion/Launching
Science-Natural Resources/Cycles
Social Studies-Geography of Maryland

Homework Policy

In fourth grade, students are usually given about 40 minutes of homework each night. This does not include any long range projects or studying for assessments in which students are to divvy up their time over several days. Test and quiz dates are announced anywhere from one to two weeks ahead of time. Spelling is the only exception with assessments given each Friday.

Homework pads are to be signed by a parent each night. This communicates to me that a parent has looked over the assigned work verifying that it is neat, completed, and packed in their Take Home folder. If your child has not completed their work, a parent is to write a note in the homework pad indicating why it was not completed.

Schedule of Specials

Our specials this year are 10:40-11:30am. Lunch is from 12: 42-1:12pm.

A Day-Music
B Day-Library
C Day-Physical Education
D Day-Art

Communication

If you wish to contact me, the best way is to write me a note in your child's homework pad or email me at Connie.Charitonuk@hcps.org. I hope you will take some time to check out our class website. The web address is www.charitonuksclass.webs.com/. On this website parents can check out our monthly calendar, weekly homework assignments, photos of what we are doing in class, and other important information that will keep you informed throughout the year.