

THE ABCS OF 4TH GRADE: FRIENDLY REMINDERS AT A GLANCE

<p>A AGENDAS & ATTENDANCE: AGENDAS ARE SENT HOME DAILY WITH HOMEWORK AND BEHAVIOR INFORMATION. REPLACEMENT AGENDAS ARE \$5.</p> <p>ATTENDANCE IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR 4TH GRADERS. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR STUDENT IS HERE DAILY. IF THEY ARE OUT, PLEASE SEND IN A NOTE WHEN THEY RETURN.</p>	<p>B BEHAVIOR: WE USE A CLIP/COLOR CHART TO MONITOR DAILY BEHAVIOR. STUDENTS ARE REWARDED FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR DAILY, WEEKLY, AND MONTHLY.</p>	<p>C CONFERENCES: IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO ME ABOUT A CONCERN, PLEASE SET UP AN APPOINTMENT. I AM MORE THAN HAPPY TO MEET WITH YOU.</p> <p>CHECK OUTS: WE DO BELL TO BELL INSTRUCTION. PLEASE ONLY CHECK A STUDENT OUT IF IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.</p>
<p>D DO YOUR BEST: EACH STUDENT HAS DIFFERENT STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES. BEST MEANS DIFFERENT THINGS TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE. STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO DO THEIR PERSONAL BEST EVERY SINGLE DAY.</p>	<p>E ENRICHMENT: ALL CHILDREN ARE UNIQUE AND SPECIAL. IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO MEET EACH CHILD WHERE THEY ARE AND HELP THEM GROW. STUDENTS MAY BE LEARNING CONCEPTS DIFFERENTLY THAN THEIR PEERS BASED ON NEED AND ACCOMPLISHMENT. CHALLENGING AND REMEDIAL WORK WILL BE GIVEN AS NEEDED.</p>	<p>F FOLDERS: STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE FOLDERS EACH THURSDAY WITH GRADED WORK AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION.</p>
<p>G GRADED WORK: STUDENTS WILL HAVE WEEKLY GRADES. I WILL DO MY BEST TO GET THEM INTO ICAMPUS PROMPTLY. PLEASE BE PATIENT. 😊 IF I HAVE A SERIOUS CONCERN REGARDING YOUR STUDENT'S PROGRESS I WILL NOTIFY YOU.</p>	<p>H HOMEWORK: STUDENTS HAVE DAILY ELA, MATH AND SPELLING HOMEWORK. THEY WILL ALSO RECEIVE STUDY GUIDES FOR SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES ASSESSMENTS WHEN WE HAVE THEM.</p>	<p>I ICE CREAM: STUDENTS MAY PURCHASE ICE CREAM FOR .50¢ DURING LUNCH.</p>
<p>J JOURNALS: WE HAVE A JOURNAL FOR EVERY SUBJECT. (AKA NOTEBOOKS) STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE A CLASSWORK GRADE ON THEIR JOURNALS ONCE OR TWICE A QUARTER. WE HAVE A LOT OF FUN WITH THESE. STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE A RUBRIC SO THAT THEY KNOW THE EXPECTATIONS.</p>	<p>K KISS & GO: AFTER THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL, IF YOU WALK YOUR STUDENT TO CLASS I KINDLY ASK THAT YOU "KISS & GO" AT THE DOOR. THIS IS 4TH GRADE AND STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO WORK INDEPENDENTLY IN THE MORNING WITHOUT DISTRACTION. HAVING OTHER ADULTS IN THE ROOM INTERRUPTS A VERY IMPORTANT INDEPENDENT READING TIME FOR ALL THE STUDENTS.</p>	<p>L LEARNING FOCUSED: OUR SCHOOL TAKES A LEARNING FOCUSED APPROACH TO INSTRUCTION. THIS KIND OF TEACHING HELPS STUDENTS RETAIN KNOWLEDGE LEARNED IN LESSONS BY FOCUSING ON AN ESSENTIAL QUESTION AND OFTEN ORGANIZING INFORMATION GRAPHICALLY. LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR CURRICULUM.</p>
<p>M MULTIPLICATION FACTS: FOURTH GRADERS SHOULD HAVE THEIR FACTS MEMORIZED IN ORDER TO MOVE ON TO WHAT WE NEED TO ACCOMPLISH IN MATH THIS YEAR. PLEASE HELP YOUR STUDENT AT HOME WITH ANY FACTS THEY HAVE YET TO MASTER!</p>	<p>N NURSE CONCERNS: PLEASE LET ME KNOW OF ANY MEDICAL CONCERNS THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED, AND MAKE SURE OUR NURSE IS AWARE AS WELL.</p>	<p>O OWNERSHIP: I ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO TAKE OWNERSHIP OF THEIR LEARNING. A HUGE PART OF PROGRESS/SUCCESS IS UP TO THE INDIVIDUAL STUDENT AND THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD LEARNING AND SUCCEEDING.</p>

P PARENT INVOLVEMENT: I WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP WITH PARTIES, FIELD DAY, AND DONATIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. WE ARE ALSO IN NEED OF SOME GREAT VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR MEDIA CENTER! PLEASE LET MS. SPELL KNOW IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE!

Q QUESTIONS: EMAIL ME ANYTIME, OR CALL THE SCHOOL AND LEAVE A MESSAGE. I WILL DO MY VERY BEST TO RESPOND WITHIN 24 HOURS!

R READING: READ READ READ READ READ RESEARCH SHOWS THAT READING IS AN INTEGRAL PART IN LEARNING! THE ONLY WAY TO BECOME A BETTER READER IS TO READ! IF YOUR CHILD THINKS THEY DO NOT LIKE TO READ, THEY HAVEN'T FOUND THE RIGHT BOOKS! I WILL HELP THEM!

S SELF TALK: PLEASE MONITOR AND ENCOURAGE WHAT YOUR CHILD SAYS OF THEMSELVES! AS A TEACHER, I OFTEN HEAR STUDENTS AND PARENTS SAY "I'M NOT GOOD AT _____." OR "HE/SHE DOESN'T LIKE _____." WE NEED TO CHANGE THAT AROUND SO THAT THE STUDENT DOESN'T LIVE OUT THIS NEGATIVE THOUGHT PROCESS. " _____ IS A CHALLENGE, BUT WE WILL WORK HARDER AT IT UNTIL WE MEET A GOAL OF _____."

T TRANSPORTATION: PLEASE SEND IN A WRITTEN NOTE IF THERE IS A TRANSPORTATION CHANGE FOR YOUR STUDENT. WE ARE UNABLE TO HONOR THE REQUEST ANY OTHER WAY.

U UNITS OF STUDY: WE WILL BE STUDYING LOTS OF FUN THINGS IN SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES THIS YEAR!

V VOLUNTEER: OUR LIBRARY AND PTO NEED YOUR HELP! CONTACT AMANDA BEAVERS OR CINDY SPELL FOR MORE INFORMATION.

W WRITING: WE WILL DO LOTS OF WRITING IN ALL SUBJECTS THIS YEAR. IN ELA WE WILL DO ONE MAJOR PIECE EACH QUARTER. THESE ARE WORKS IN PROGRESS THAT WE TAKE TONS OF PRIDE IN WHEN THEY ARE COMPLETE! GONE ARE THE DAYS OF FIVE PARAGRAPH ESSAYS. (YAY!) I AM LOOKING FOR QUALITY AND NECESSARY COMPONENTS OF THE WRITING-NOT THE QUANTITY (LENGTH).

X XTRA FUN: WE WILL TAKE A FIELD TRIP THIS YEAR! MORE DETAILS WILL COME AS WE PLAN.

Y YOU: YOU ARE YOUR STUDENT'S BIGGEST CHEERLEADER AND EXAMPLE. I CANNOT EXPRESS ENOUGH THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT. WE ALL HAVE GOOD AND BAD DAYS. THAT'S HOW WE LEARN AND GROW. THE KEY IS BEING ABLE TO DUST OURSELVES OFF AND KEEP GOING!

Z ZOOM: THIS YEAR WILL FLY-BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT TIME DOES WHEN WE'RE HAVING FUN! HERE WE GO!

