

FOURTH GRADE – Secular
Mrs. Janet Niager

Here is some information regarding Fourth Grade. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me:

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I will respond as soon as possible.

I do expect my students to show respect – for themselves, for their classmates, for me, for other Rambam faculty, staff and students, and for school and personal property.

Homework

Homework will be assigned during the week (Monday–Thursday). The work should be a review and reinforcement of skills and concepts learned in class. The students should be spending approximately 30 minutes on homework. If your child is taking longer than 30-45 minutes or is struggling to complete the work, please let me know. Homework is not assigned over the weekends. Homework may be written assignments, studying for a test, practicing math facts, working on a project or written report or a combination of any of these.

Assignments

Papers should have a proper heading and title. They should also be neat and Fourth Grade quality work. Neatness and handwriting varies from child to child. However, each student is expected to do his/her best work and strive to improve as the year progresses. Students may be asked to redo papers that are less than their best, or points may be deducted.

Graded papers from the previous week will be sent home on Tuesdays. Parents are asked to sign the signature sheet that is attached to the papers and send it to school with your child the next day. A parent letter will accompany the papers to keep you informed of what we are doing in class.

Reading/Language

Students will turn in one book report for each quarter. Students will receive instructions for the report about three to four weeks before the due date.

First quarter Fiction

Second quarter Biography

Third quarter Nonfiction

Fourth quarter The children will choose one of the following books by Laura Ingalls Wilder:

Little House on the Prairie

Little Town on the Prairie

On the Banks of Plum Creek

These Happy Golden Years

The students will also be reading an assigned book together during each quarter. Each student will need to get his/her own copy of the book to read in class. However, you may not have to purchase the book. If an older sibling was in my class, you may already have a copy at home. Ask older friends if they have a copy of the book to borrow. Check the book out of the school or public library.

First quarter – Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary

Second quarter – Trumpet of the Swan by E.B. White

Third quarter – From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg

Fourth quarter – Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar

The students will be participating in the Accelerated Reader program. The goal for Fourth Grade is 30 points by the end of the year. Books read for Accelerated Reader should be on a 3.5 reading level or higher.

On Fridays I provide a 15 minute period of time for D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read). The children will read a book of their choice for silent recreational reading.

Fourth Grade uses a workbook for vocabulary. We will be working on a lesson each week. The words in the lesson will also be the spelling words for the week. On Fridays, there will be an objective test over the vocabulary words as well as a traditional spelling test.

Math

Computation skills and problem solving will be emphasized. The students must know the basic math facts in order to solve problems correctly. The goal for Fourth Grade is to complete 100 math facts in 4 minutes with 99% or 100% accuracy. The students are working on the addition and subtraction timed tests now. The students will take multiplication and division timed tests later in the year.