

Welcome to 4th Grade!

Our fourth-grade team is **VERY** big on community and sharing. We have always asked parents and students to supply what they can in terms of pencils, markers, glue sticks - all of those traditional school things - and we use as much as we can in a community fashion. Sharing. It's a life skill we feel is extremely important for kids to be a part of and to learn from. We will continue that idea of sharing supplies, which will help our fourth graders complete the multitude of work and projects to the best of their abilities. Additionally, any extra supply donations would absolutely be welcomed by us with open arms...especially pencils (we have almost run out in the past!!)

Our supply list is put together in three categories: **Most Important Items** (these really are essential items for your kids), **Recommended Items** (these items are very useful in the classroom, but kids won't have any "problems" if they don't have these supplies), and **Extras** (these are supplies that the students don't need, but many want to have in school).

Most Important Items:

- ***Headphones or earbuds*** - we **STRONGLY** encourage each student to have their own headphones; this will help them immensely in the classroom! We do NOT have many extras for kids, so it can be difficult if they don't have their own
- **1 - 2 vinyl/plastic, two-pocket folders** - for math class
- **2 wide ruled composition notebooks** - for reading class
- **1 pencil bag with a zipper** - a pencil bag works **MUCH** better than a pencil box. They are smaller in size and kids are prone to dropping these. When pencil boxes drop, items scatter everywhere...bags seem to be much more secure.
- **3 boxes of pencils** (the number of pencils used depends on the student-this is an average based on previous years) - Ticonderoga pencils work the best (or any real wood pencil); pre-sharpened, if possible...these are community pencils
- **1-3 boxes of tissues** - we will place these around the room for students to use
- **1-3 containers of Clorox wipes** - we need to clean often in our classrooms, especially with breakfast in the room!
- **3 - 4 glue sticks** - we use glue sticks a fair amount for various classroom projects, often in social studies and science

Recommended Items:

- ***Stylus pen for iPads*** - we write and highlight a lot on our iPads, so having a stylus makes this **MUCH** easier for students!
- **iPad Charging Cord** - sometimes the kids' iPads run low on power and our ability to charge them in the classroom is limited, so it's good to have a cord with you

- o **Hand sanitizer** - the district provides hand sanitizer for each classroom, but a small personal hand sanitizer would be excellent

Extras:

- o **1 hand-held pencil sharpener (with a cover for the shavings)** - there are very limited automatic pencil sharpeners in the classrooms, so a quality, hand-held sharpener is especially helpful when your lead breaks during class (or at home)
- o **1 package of erasers** - hand-held erasers are helpful because many times the ones on the pencils are small and they are used up before the pencil is used up
- o **Markers and/or colored pencils** - we use these quite a bit in the classroom (kids can use one or the other...or both!)
- o **Box of crayons** - OPS will supply a 24-crayon box, but if you want a larger selection, you can purchase a bigger box
- o **Dry Erase Markers** - We use dry erase markers during small group in math class

We appreciate anything you can do to help make this year as successful as possible - the three of us are absolutely looking forward to teaching your kids! We enjoy doing things in a unique and different way and we're excited to making the fourth-grade experience as fun, as cool, as entertaining (and as educational, of course) as possible for you and your kids!

see you soon!!

YOUR 4th Grade team!

Mr. Darling, Mrs. Conley, Mrs. Rager