



Dear Parents and Guardians of the future 4th graders!!!

Welcome to FOURTH GRADE!! We are already hard at work making this upcoming school year one of the best yet!!!

This year some scholars will be switching classes for literacy/Social Studies, and, math/science.

- Room 106 Mrs. Balzano will be a self contained classroom
- Rooms 107 (Ms. Keyes) will be teaching ELA/SS and 108 (Ms. Leposa) will be teaching Math/Science. These two classes will be switching each day.

In order for your children to be successful in fourth grade, we are counting on your help and support throughout the school year. This will come in the form of assisting with homework, signing all papers, regularly checking Class Dojo (please sign up for ALL CLASSES your child is in so all teachers will be able to stay in contact with you) signing up for Google Classroom notifications, and making sure your child is in school, on time, and of course in uniform each and every day.

If for some reason your child is absent, a written note must be brought back the day your child returns to school in order for the absences to be excused, a text message or Dojo message will not be accepted. After 8 written notes, only a DOCTOR'S note will be accepted. We have several amazing incentives going on this year so you will want to make sure that your children are here and on time. In addition, children should be picked up in the schoolyard at our line by 3:29 each afternoon (we will be exiting out of the west doors). Below are some friendly reminders to get you and your child ready to learn...

1. First day of school is **MONDAY AUGUST 23rd**.
2. Breakfast is from 8:30-8:48 sharp.
3. School begins at 8:50 and will dismiss at 3:29.
4. Please check the website over the summer break:
<https://www.philasd.org/resources-for-families/> or <https://kelly.philasd.org/>
5. Workbooks will be sent home for summer break, Please make sure your child is working in the books for at least 30 to 40 minutes each day during the summer.
This will help prevent "summer slide".

Please see the reverse side of this letter for the supply list. Stay updated and informed at philasd.org. We look forward to having an exciting, and academically amazing school year. Our number one priority will always be educating your scholar in a safe, welcoming environment. Your support throughout the school year is paramount. Let's work together to make this year as successful as possible, together we can achieve greatness with you on our team!!

Sincerely,

Your very proud and excited teachers,

Mrs. Balzano (Self Contained) abalzano@philasd.org

Ms. Keyes (ELA/ Social Studies) skeyes@philasd.org

Ms. Leposa (Math/Science) jleposa@philasd.org

4th Grade Supply List

Please be sure to have the following supplies as soon as possible so we can have our year leap onto a smooth start. Please make sure all STUDENTS COME TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY WITH A CHARGED LAPTOP AND WORKING HEADPHONES (send in the charger as well).

FOR ROOM ALL HOMEROOMS (These supplies will stay in their assigned homeroom)

- A clean mask daily and an extra in case the 1st one gets dirty
- 1 Backpack: No wheels please due to lack of space
- PENCILS: Please purchase a box of 24, and send your scholar to school with at least 2 each day.
- 1 large bottle of hand sanitizer (will stay in homeroom)
- 2 boxes of tissues (will stay in homeroom)
- 1 large container of Lysol wipes
- 1 ream of copy paper

FOR ALL MATH STUDENTS:

- 1 composition books/ notebooks
- 2 sturdy plastic two pocket folders
- 1 box of gallon bags and 1 box of quart baggies

FOR ALL LITERACY STUDENTS:

- Highlighters
- 2-3 packs of post it notes
- 2-3 composition notebooks
- Independent Reading Book
- 2 sturdy 2 pocket folders (plastic ones are best)

FOR ALL SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES STUDENTS

- 1 notebook
- 1 sturdy plastic 2 pocket folder

STUDENTS WILL KEEP THEIR PENCIL CASE IN THEIR BOOKBAG AND THE BELOW SUPPLIES SHOULD BE INSIDE (Students will rotate rooms with their bookbags, the self contained classroom will be able to keep supplies in their desk).

- 3 large (or 6 small) glue sticks
- 24 #2 pencils: (Ticonderoga pencils are best)
- 1 pencil case
- 1 large pink eraser
- 1 box of 24 Crayola crayons
- 1 pack of dry erase markers and a dry eraser (or clean sock)

****You are the best supply we could ask for!!! Be sure to fill out the child abuse and criminal history check so that you will be able to join us on our trips.**

Thank you!!!!!!

