

*Welcome to*

*4th Grade!*



# Textbooks

## Math – enVision Math

- 📖 Reading - Harcourt Reading Series
- 📖 Social Studies – Our Country and Its Regions Macmillan/McGraw Hill
- 📖 Language - Language Arts Today - McGraw Hill
- 📖 Science - McGraw Hill
- 📖 Spelling – Zaner-Bloser, Inc.
- 📖 Health - Health- McGraw Hill



# Academic Strategies

## Reading

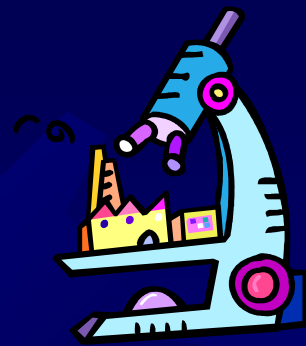
- 📖 Teachers will utilize a basal reading book.
- 📖 Novels will also be included.
- 📖 We will be using flexible grouping to strengthen specific areas of reading.

## Math

- 📖 Teachers will utilize a basal math book.
- 📖 Teachers will use supplemental materials and manipulatives.
- 📖 We will be using flexible grouping to strengthen specific areas in math.



# Curriculum Topics



## Science

- ✎ We will be exploring such topics as endangered animals, living things, matter, and electricity.
- ✎ We will be taking a one day trip to Spring Brook Nature Center for activities that connect to Living Things unit.

## Social Studies

- ⑩ Regions of the United States will be covered.
- ⑩ States, capitals, and abbreviations of the 50 states will be tested.
- ⑩ The state of Illinois will be covered.



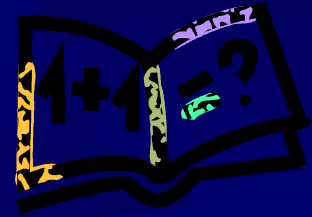
# Curriculum Topics

## Math: Following the Common Core

- Multiplication & Division
- Place Value
- Addition & Subtraction
- Fractions
- Measurement
- Geometry
- Problem Solving strategies
- Please review multiplication facts through the 12's at home nightly.

## Language

- ↙ 6+1 Traits of Writing
- ↙ The different parts of speech will also be stressed this year.



# Extensions

Extensions are activities to extend the curriculum and are offered to all students.

Some examples of extensions are:

1. Challenge packets in the areas of Math, Language, and Health
2. Novel extensions
3. Hands-on activities
4. Creative writing

# Assessment

## ★ ISAT

- ★ Given the first week in March
- ★ Tested in Math, Reading, & Science

## ★ OTIS

- ★ Given in the Fall

## ★ Discovery Education Assessment

- ★ Given three times a year
- ★ Tested in Math & Reading
- ★ Criterion reference test that correlates with the Illinois Frameworks
- ★ Parent report will be sent home at the end of the year

# Homework Expectations

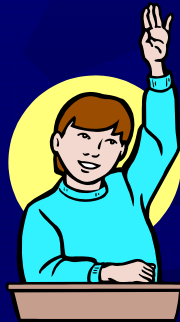
## Homework Expectations



- ✧ Students should spend thirty to forty minutes involved with work related to school.
- ✧ Written work is usually begun in class.
- ✧ Written work should be done in cursive unless otherwise specified.
- ✧ Late work will reflect ten points off the initial score for each day that the assignment is late.
- ✧ A late slip will be sent home for a parent signature.
- ✧ The late slip is to be brought back the next day with the completed homework.
- ✧ Students may use evening study time to review spelling words, practice cursive penmanship, study for a test, review facts, or read for recreational reading.
- ✧ When regular Math or Reading homework is not assigned, students are expected to spend 15 minutes studying math facts, and 15 minutes reading. This includes weekends as well.

# Classroom Expectations

- ⇒ Come to class with the proper supplies.
- ⇒ All homework is to be completed on time.
- ⇒ All students are expected to follow class rules.
- ⇒ Students are to complete all written work in cursive, except in Math and on crossword puzzles.
- ⇒ Students are to use blue or black erasable ink only on assignments.
- ⇒ In Math students are to use pencil only.
- ⇒ When completing assignments on lined paper, students are to use the uniform heading in the appropriate manner.
- ⇒ All students are encouraged to participate in class discussion.
- ⇒ Mastery of 98% or better on a 5 minute timed test is expected by the end of the first quarter in the areas of addition, subtraction, and multiplication.
- ⇒ Division will need 98% mastery by the end of the second quarter.



# Absences

- ✦ Requests for homework in advance due to vacation will not be honored per Parent/Student Handbook. Your child will receive the assignments upon return to school. All missed work must be completed.

# Food!!

## ☀ SNACKS:

- We are asking that all snacks are only fresh fruits or vegetables.
- No dips are allowed.
- Also if the fruit/vegetable requires a spoon it may not be brought in to eat.

## ☀ BIRTHDAY TREATS:

- All birthday treats must be peanut free.
  - Please refer to the list of suggested peanut-free birthday treats when sending them with your child to school.
- ☀ Please help support the teachers with this by making sure your child is following these policies.

# Suggestions for Parents

- ✓ Monitor assignment notebooks
- ✓ Practice math facts
- ✓ Review weekly spelling words
- ✓ Practice cursive handwriting
- ✓ Read with children nightly
- ✓ Establish a reasonable bedtime

# Parent Teacher Conference



- ☎ Please remember to sign up for your November conference this evening outside the classroom.
- ☎ If you feel that a conference is necessary before then, please indicate so on the form “About My Child,” which you are requested to fill out this evening. On this form please include your email address if you have one.

*The End*

