



Fourth Grade Flash

What We Are Learning

Math -

For the first quarter, our focus is on place value and number sense. Specifically, students will learn about benchmark estimation, expressing place value numbers, and how to identify place value in both standard and expanded forms. We will then move on to money, addition, and subtraction. Instruction will be differentiated and include complex problem solving as well.

Language Arts -

During the next twenty days, our students will be guided through various aspects of literacy as we learn together how others select, read, and think about books and how each

student approaches writing. This whole-group approach allows learners at all levels to experience literacy on their own terms, as well as collaborate in their thinking—a vital 21st century skill.

Science -

Our science unit for the start of the year centers around a FOSS kit based on food and nutrition. This hot topic will likely resonate with our students as more and more members of our society push for healthier dining options. Students will learn in a hands-on style as they conduct experiments to determine the make up of different foods and decide what it means to

eat a truly balanced diet.

Social Studies -

Our curriculum for this year centers around the state of North Carolina, but we will supplement this with the “Steps to Respect” anti-bullying program. Watch for more information on this later and please be prepared to support our efforts by extending these conversations at home.



Change is in the air!

The New Face of Fourth Grade

In addition to welcoming new students to our grade level, we also welcome some new faculty as well! Adam Clevestine has moved up from 1st grade to the 4th grade level, a change he is thrilled about. Amy Linnane has left us on

maternity leave, so we look forward to her spot being filled by a long-term, certified teacher.

Liz Coleman and Marcia Caddell both return for another year at this level, and have already generously shared their experi-

ence and knowledge as we employ the PLC (Professional Learning Community) model in our collaborative planning. Doing so allows us to unify across the grade level and give our students the best experience possible.

Important Dates:

Board of Education Meeting	9/3
Delayed Opening	9/18
Rosh Hashanah	9/29
Teacher Work Day	9/30
Eid al-Fitr	10/1
Delayed Opening	10/8
Yom Kippur	10/8

Attention Volunteers:

We have lots of great field trips and volunteer opportunities coming up including, but not limited to:

- The State Fair
- Museum of Natural Science (Raleigh)
- Chapel Hill Museum of History