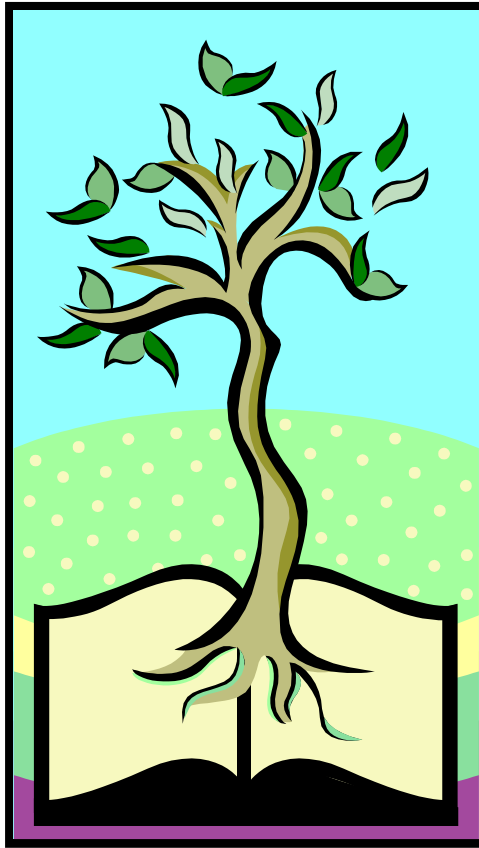


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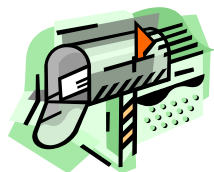


4th Grade Handbook
2018-2019

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Please use this number to
contact me regarding any
school matters.



Birthdays

You are welcome to bring or send treats for your child's birthday celebration. Please confirm with me so there is not a conflicting arrangement already scheduled.

All treats must be store bought.

An alternative or additional idea for celebration may be sending a special or favorite book to share with the class.

If you are planning a celebration outside of the classroom, it is preferred that the invitations not be handed out in class unless all students are invited.

If your child's birthday occurs during the summer, over the winter or spring break, on a weekend, or a non-school day, the class would still like to acknowledge it. I will acknowledge it the day before or the following day that school is scheduled.

Birthdays for summer kids are planned for the last week of the school year.



Book Orders

Each month I will be sending home a book order form from one of the following companies; Scholastic, Trumpet, or Tab. These companies offer books at a reasonable price.

If you would like to order from one of the book clubs, please return the order form, with payment within a week of it being sent home. Please make any checks payable to the book company. Books usually arrive within two weeks.

Scholastic is also offering on-line ordering from home. Follow the instructions on the web page: <https://clubs.scholastic.com/> Class code - **LHC7J**

Also, if you are interested in ordering books for a gift, let me know and I will keep it a secret from your child.

Helpful Hints!

Here are some "helpful hints" to make a great
Start to the New Year!

- School begins promptly at 8:20 a.m.
- Irregular attendance disrupts your child's schedule and slows down learning. If your child is going to be absent, please call the school office at (541) 686-8655 to let us know.
- Please label all lunch boxes and coats with your child's name.
- Please send all lunch money to the office. The office handles all lunch money collected. I will send home a note with your child and e-mail you when your child's lunch card has two meals left.
- Each week I will send home a class letter to inform you and your child of any upcoming projects, quizzes, and tests. You can also check Renweb for assignments, or any other items that I may post.
- Each Friday, I will send home your child's graded class work. I encourage you to review their work and talk about it.
- Students need to have shoes that are easy to run in for P.E. Your child may bring a pair of P.E. shoes that stay at school.
- Library will be Wednesday of each week. Books need to be returned by that day if students wish to check out more books.
- Encourage your child to talk about his/her day. Your interest in their day shows that you care about what they are doing.

Ingredients for success

Read together: Keep good books, magazines and newspapers in the house and let children see you read.

Check out library books: Encourage children to read aloud and talk about what they have read. Going to the public library is a great way to spend an afternoon!

Schedule homework time: Establish a daily homework routine. Set aside a quiet, well-lit area where children can study.

Communicate: Not only talk openly to your child about values and the dangers of drugs and alcohol, but also listen to what they have to say. Personal talks can save lives and help develop a great trust and parent-child relationships. Pray with your children.

Set standards: Express high expectations for children by challenging them personally and academically and stressing the importance of hard work. Stretching their mind is a great way for them to realize their full potential. Make sure they never settle for less.

Check it out: Know what your child's teacher and school expect from students. Work with teachers, the principal and other parents to set and maintain standards.

Keep in touch: Parents should stay informed about their child's progress. Visit the school; talk with every one of your child's teachers, and use Renweb.

Volunteer: When you volunteer in the classroom, it's a good way to get more involved in children's education. Call the school office to find ways of helping (541) 686-8655.

Class Schedule

The class schedule changes a little each day to accommodate for the electives that WCS offer.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:20-8:25	Greetings	Greetings	Greetings	Greetings	Greetings
8:25-9:30	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
9:30-10:00	Bible	Bible	English	Bible	Chapel 9:30-9:50
10-10:20	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess 9:50-10:05
10:20-11:00	English	English	Grammar Check	English	English
			Library 10:30-11:00		Spelling test Border sheet
11:00-12:05	Reading ✓ Lit unit ✓ SRA ✓ Partner Reading HW	Reading ✓ Lit unit ✓ SRA ✓ Partner Reading HW	Reading ✓ Lit unit ✓ SRA HW	Reading ✓ Lit unit ✓ SRA ✓ Partner Reading	ART 10:50
					Lunch/Recess 11:35-12:20
12:05-12:50	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Reading ✓ Lit unit ✓ SRA
12:55-1:25	Technology	Music	DEAR 20 mins	Music	Oregon History
			Spelling		
1:25-2:05	Science/SS	Science/SS	Science/SS	Science/SS	Hero Recess 2:10-2:25
2:05-2:40	Spelling/DEAR	Spelling/DEAR	Bible	Spelling/DEAR	Dismissal 2:30
2:40-2:45	Clean-up	Clean-up	Clean-up	Clean-up	
2:45-3:15	PE	PE	PE	PE	
3:15-3:20	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	

Morning Procedures

Each morning, I have a set of procedures that the students need to follow.

- Put items from your backpack in your desk.
- Sharpen two pencils to be prepared for the day's work.
- Complete your morning procedure papers.



The morning procedure papers are a required daily math and grammar review with five questions on each subject. These are to be completed first thing in the morning and need to be ready by math class to discuss. These papers are graded and reviewed during mini lessons. It is very important to get to school on time and to complete these papers each day.

Math Drills

Each morning math class starts with a math drill. Each quarter I will be giving the students a different type of drill.

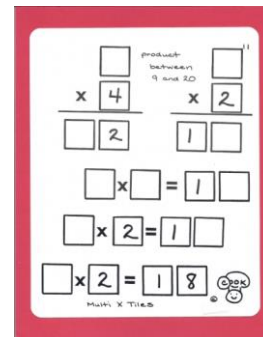
- Multiplication
- Division
- Fractions
- Fractions with decimals

Each drill sheet has a set amount of problems that need to be completed in one minute. Each student will need to earn three perfect papers in a row to move to the next level. At the end of each quarter, the students who have completed all the facts will earn a root beer float.

Tile Math

Tile Math is a fun way to build, sharpen, and energize the brain.

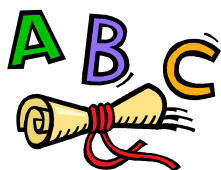
These activities are great for independent task time, assessment and differentiation, and high level thinking skills. Students play with ten tiles to complete equations and correctly match all problems.



Spelling

Every week students will complete a lesson in their spelling book. They need to complete this lesson by Thursday to earn full credit.

In addition to their daily lessons, there will be a test given on Friday that will cover the words that have been studied throughout the week.



On Thursday, I will have a spelling bee that will cover their spelling words and a review of previous lessons. This will keep skills mastered. On Friday the students will take their test on the weekly words and dictation sentences.

Reading - Book Reports

During the year, each student will be expected to read books during school and at home. Students will complete a written report that often includes a creative art project depicting the book. I have samples for the students to view when these assignments are assigned.



Accelerated Reading

The Accelerated Reading Program is a program that reinforces reading comprehension. Students read a book and depending on the reading level of the book, students earn points - a half point to five points per book.



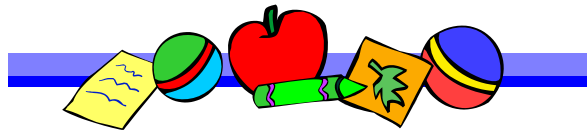
I want my students to find pleasure in reading and to be able to use their imagination while reading.

My reading goal for each student is to earn 100 points per year with an acceptable passing grade. I reward the students who meet this goal.

Volunteers

I welcome volunteers in my classroom. There is always something that needs to be done. Copying papers, filing, reading with students, grading, putting science experiments together, parties and many other daily needs. Just give me a call and set up a time that would be convenient for the both of us. All volunteers need to complete a volunteer form.

Remember, it takes a village to raise a child. The saying is also true for a school. Many hands accomplish much.



Philosophy of Homework

I believe the purpose of homework is to:

- Reinforce acquired skills
- Foster responsibility / study skills / time management
- Provide an extension of learned concepts
- Provide a home / school connection
- Build a sense of responsibility and routine

Homework: Students will have approximately 20 to 30 minutes of homework each day. Incomplete classroom assignments may be assigned to be finished as homework which in turn would add additional time.

- **Reading**- At home reading and book reports will be assigned for each grading period. Students are expected to read at home daily and complete a reading log each week.
- **Language Arts**- Spelling words are assigned weekly that coordinate with our lesson. A few writing assignments will be assigned each grading period as well.
- **Math**- Math worksheets and computer tasks will be given as homework a few times a week to bolster your child's skills and keep concepts fresh.
- **Communication Folder** - This folder will be sent home on Friday and needs to be returned on Monday morning. Remember to check your child's backpack for their red homework folder nightly.