STONEBRIDGE ELEMENTARY 2021-22



4th Grade Handbook

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- Enter the absence on PowerSchool **OR**
- Call the attendance line: 651-351-8701

In addition, contacting your child's teacher directly via email or phone is always appreciated!

Welcome to 4th Grade

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The three of us would like to welcome you to our Grade 4 community!

We want you to know how thankful we are for the children and how dedicated we are to providing each of them with an exceptional fourth grade experience.

We teach because we believe in the value of education; therefore, we strive to make our program rigorous, motivating and relevant. This is not the only reason we teach. We also love children and believe in every child's potential, not only as a student, but as a contributing member of society. Therefore, we integrate character education into our daily activities. This character education is our focus as we work hard to promote an environment where everyone feels cared about and respected. Our goal is to send forth thoughtful, well-educated citizens who not only feel good about themselves, but who also know they can make a positive difference in our world.

Sincerely,

Your Grade 4 Teachers

Rosa Csulits Craig Seath Nicole Toronto

TIME	ΑCΤΙVΙΤΥ
8:45 - 9:05	Morning Meeting
9:05 - 9:55	Writing
9:55 - 10:35	Specialists
10:35 - 10:45	Snack
10:45 - 11:45	Math
Csulits 11:45-12:05 Seath 11:47-12:07 Toronto 11:49-12:09	Recess
Csulits 12:05-12:25 Seath 12:07-12:27 Toronto 12:09-12:29	Lunch
12:30 - 1:00	WIN
1:00 - 1:30	Science/Social Studies/Second Steps
1:30 - 1:40	Snack
1:40 - 2:00	Read Aloud
2:00 - 2:45	Reading Workshop
2:45 - 3:00	Word Work
3:00 - 3:15	Lockers
3:15	Dismissal

Recess

Students will have 20 minutes of recess daily. Here are the guidelines for when we would have recess indoors due to cold weather.

- If the temperature is below ZERO students will stay in.
- If the wind chill is below -10 F students will stay in

Csulits		Seath			Toronto		
Day 1	Phy Ed	Day 1	Music		Day 1	Art/Media	
Day 2	Music	Day 2	Art/Media		Day 2	Phy Ed	
Day 3	Art/Media	Day 3	Phy Ed		Day 3	Music	
Day 4	Phy Ed	Day 4	Music		Day 4	Art/Media	
Day 5	Music	Day 5	Art/Media		Day 5	Phy Ed	
Day 6	Art/Media	Day 6	Phy Ed		Day 6	Music	

Quarter 1 & 3 - Media Quarter 2 & 4 - Art

Snacks & Birthdays

Snack (optional)

We will offer a couple times during the day for your child to have a healthy snack. You and your child can decide which time might be best. Please note this is optional.

- Healthy
- Peanut Free
- Water only in classroom
- For your child only

Less Cake - More Birthdays

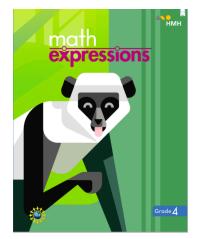
Birthdays are an important opportunity for us to recognize and celebrate students. It's also an opportunity to help them develop healthy lifestyles that ensure they have many more happy birthdays!

We want our students to feel valued and loved on their special day, and we can do that in many fun and memorable ways that do not involve sugary treats.

Curriculum

Math - Math Expressions

- Place Value and Operations
- Multiplication with Whole Numbers
- Division with Whole Numbers
- Equations and Word Problems
- Measurement
- Fraction Concepts and Operations
- Fractions and Decimals
- Geometry



Curriculum

Literacy - Reading Workshop Model

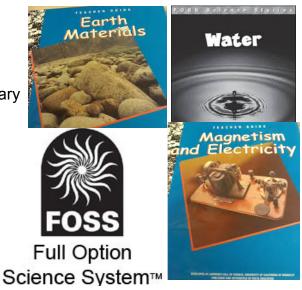
- Each class time begins with a mini-lesson.
- Students will practice skills using their own reading material at their level.
- Students will have conferring time to check for understanding.



Curriculum

Science

- Ideas & Inventions
- Magnets & Electricity / Engineering is Elementary (EiE) - An Alarming Idea
- Earth Materials
- Water / Engineering is Elementary (EiE) Water, Water Everywhere



Social Studies

- Citizenship & Government
- Economics
- History
- Geography



Homework & Communication

Home Work Responsibilities

Reading is a healthy habit & expectation

• 25 to 30 minutes

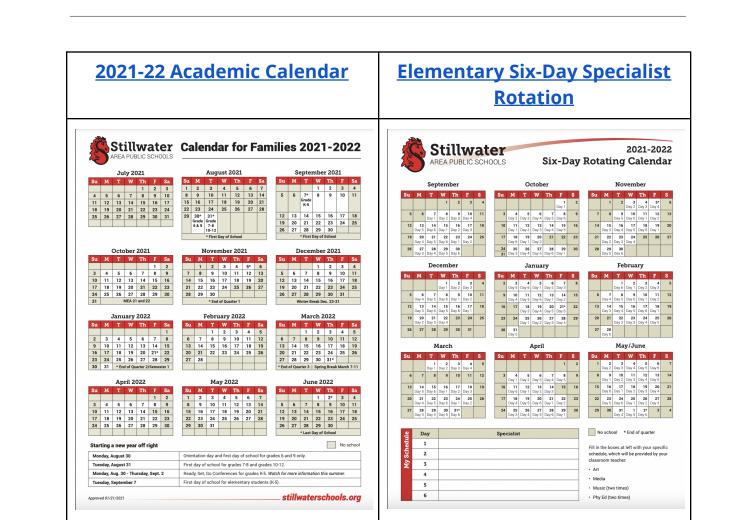
Occasional homework if work doesn't get done during class

Communication

We use a variety of tools to communicate with parents. You can expect regular communication from your child's teacher keeping you updated on important events as well as the work we are doing at school.

Calendars

- Planners
- Friday Folders
- SeeSaw
- PowerSchool



Student Technology Resources

These are just a few of the resources we will be using this year.

- Clever
- Seesaw
- Xtra Math
- Chromebooks

Google Classroom

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Parents can assist by following arrival and dismissal procedures listed below. These procedures can be found on the Stonebridge website under the Parent Resources section.

Classes begin at 8:45 a.m. with dismissal at 3:15 p.m.

- All Students: 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
- School Patrol: 8:15 a.m. and 3:35 p.m.

We have no supervision outside of these times.

AM Traffic Reminders

Our morning busses drop off on Owens Street south of the school entrance and arrive at approximately the same time. This results in some of our busses waiting where the carpool lines up north of the school entrance. It is important for parents to wait behind the busses and be signaled in by our traffic controller. We have had a number of near accidents with cars taking a right turn in front of the bus in order to get into the school entrance. This will be a temporary delay as the busses will move forward as soon as the space is available.

- Once into the school parking area, proceed towards the school entrance following to the right.
- Stay in line, pull ahead to the marked carpool sign.
- Pull away promptly to keep the line moving.

PM Traffic Reminders

Afternoon announcements are made at 3:15 p.m. Messages for students should be called into the office no later than 2:45 p.m.

The end of the day can be very hectic. We are asking you to make appointments outside the school day. If you need to pick your child up early, plan on some extra time. Park your car in the parking lot without blocking other vehicles and be mindful of the handicap spots and crosswalks. You will need to activate the intercom upon arrival and one of our office staff will sign your child out. Your child will meet you in the vestibule.

- All Stonebridge students need to exit the building at the end of the day from the main front entrance doors.
- Students are not allowed to meet vehicles in the parking lot.
- Parents need to use the carpool line.
- You will not be able to make a left turn when the traffic controller is in the intersection.

There are four types of dismissals at Stonebridge:

- 1. **Walkers:** Students who walk home. If you are meeting your child at school, please wait outside or in the vestibule.
- 2. **Bus:** Students who ride the bus.
- 3. **Carpool:** Students who are picked up in a vehicle.

4. Adventure Club: Students who attend on-site child care.

Students are released in a gradual manner to facilitate safety in the hallways. Adventure Club students go to the cafeteria. Walkers and bussers go out first. Carpool students wait in the gym until busses have left the parking lot, which is no later than 3:25 p.m. Carpool students are escorted outside to meet their rides.

Carpool/Pick Up Vehicles

- Line up on the west side of Owens street (along the curb), just north of the school's entrance.
- Wait for our traffic controller to signal you in.
- Please do not block driveways or crosswalks.
- Once into the school parking area, proceed towards the school entrance following to the right.
- Stay in line, pull ahead to the marked carpool sign.
- Pull away promptly to keep the line moving.