

Welcome to Fourth Grade

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4th Grade Schedule

Monday,

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

- ▶ 8:50-9:10 Entry task
- ▶ 9:15-10:25 Math
- ▶ 10:25-10:40 Recess
- ▶ 10:45-11:15 Math
Power Group
- ▶ 11:15-12:15 Science,
Social Studies, Writing,
Art
- ▶ 12:15-1:15 Lunch/Recess
- ▶ 1:15-1:45 Specialists
- ▶ 1:45-2:45 Literacy
- ▶ 2:45-3:15 Literacy
Power Group

Wednesday

- ▶ 8:55-9:25 Specialists
- ▶ 9:25-9:50 Science, SS,
Art, Writing
- ▶ 9:50-10:50 Math
- ▶ 10:55-11:10 Recess
- ▶ 11:15-12:25 Literacy
- ▶ 12:30-1:25 Lunch/Recess
- ▶ 1:30-1:50 Wrap Up Time

Communication

- ▶ Parent Square Posts and Messages
- ▶ “Parent Access” on LWSD site (Skyward Grading)
- ▶ Informal Emails and/or calls
- ▶ PAWSome Notes
- ▶ Classroom newsletters & updates via email as needed
- ▶ October & January Conferences
- ▶ January & June Report Cards



Nuts and Bolts

- ▶ Attendance
 - ▶ Absences & Vacations please contact Kirsten Baker kbaker@lwsd.org at the office or the absence hotline 425-936-2731.
- ▶ Healthy Snacks - please avoid sending candy, cookies or soda and juice as a snack.
- ▶ Volunteer Sign Up (LWSD background check every 2 years) - Explore Art is back!
- ▶ **Arrival at school between 8:35-8:50. Playground is CLOSED before school**
 - ▶ Students are tardy at 8:55 (students should report to office after this bell)




Homework

- ▶ Homework is to read for 20 minutes a night.
- ▶ Please check teacher communications and student agendas for activities we are working on in class (a great place to look for extensions, too)
- ▶ Goals: Concept Reinforcement & Development of Study Habits (for 5th Grade + beyond)



Why READ?

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

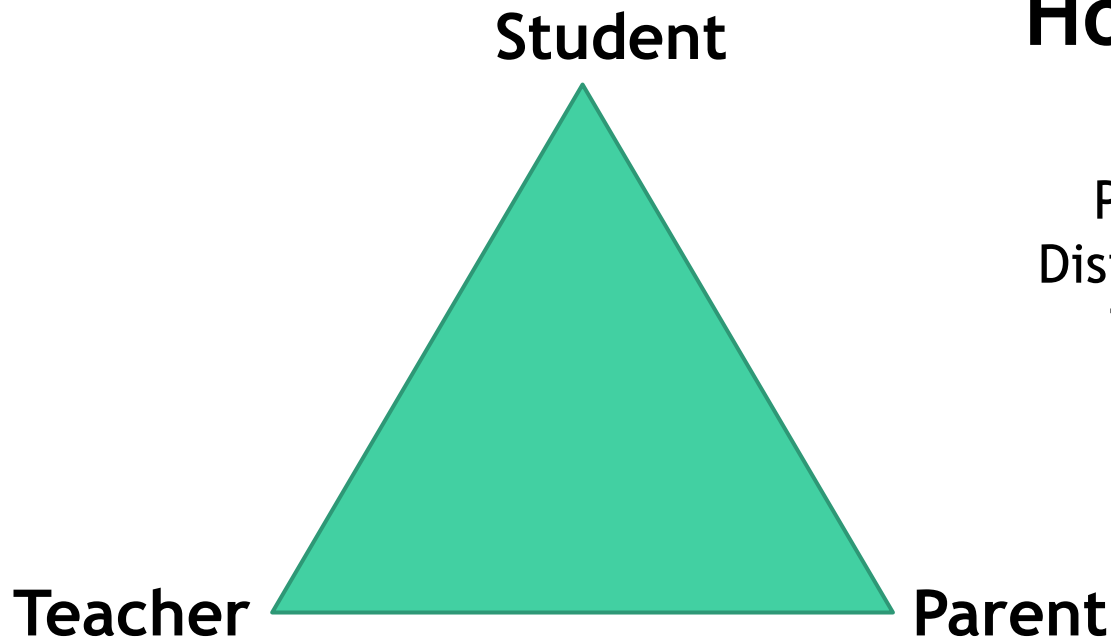
Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
		
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

(Dugg and Everson, 1992.)

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

Parent Support



How can you help?

Planners/Agendas Checks
District Curriculum Resources
Teacher Communication
ParentSquare

Literacy

- ▶ McGraw-Hill Wonders Curriculum
 - ▶ Novel Studies & Book Reports
 - ▶ Text Books & Research
 - ▶ News Articles
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- ▶ Writing: Narrative, Informational, Opinion
 - ▶ Incorporated into all content areas: Math, Reading, Science and Social Studies



Social Studies

- ▶ Washington, Our Home
 - ▶ History
 - ▶ Geography
 - ▶ Civics
 - ▶ Economy
- ▶ Use informational text reading strategies to explore new content
- ▶ Story Path: NW Coastal People & The Oregon Trail
- ▶ Current events through Scholastic News



Science

- ▶ Hands-on materials and experience with scientific methods
- ▶ Amplify Science—NEW curriculum focusing on success in the Next Generation Science Standards
 - ▶ Energy Conversions
 - ▶ Vision and Light
 - ▶ Earth's Features
 - ▶ Waves, Energy and Information
- ▶ Scientific notebook
- ▶ Team building (STEAM)



Math

- ▶ Illustrative Math
- ▶ Problem solving, Strategic Thinking, Procedural Fluency
- ▶ Common Core Standards
 - ▶ Multi-digit multiplication
 - ▶ Fractions, Decimals, Mixed Numbers
 - ▶ Concept of Area
 - ▶ Geometry/Measurement
 - ▶ Algebra
 - ▶ Data/Statistics/Probability
- ▶ Math Notebooks



About Grades

- ▶ Looking for effort, growth, **perseverance**
- ▶ Opportunities to get help and try again
- ▶ Standards-based grading
- ▶ The 4-3-2-1 scale (What does a 4 really mean?)
- ▶ Two report cards a year: January and June
- ▶ What will be a Skyward event?
 - ▶ End of unit assessments, Common District Student Assessments, Projects, etc.

October Conferences

- ▶ October 17, 18, and 20th
- ▶ Parents + Teacher + Student = Unified Team → effective academic year
- ▶ 20 minute conference will be devoted to:
 - ▶ Reflection of current class work and routines
 - ▶ Establish team goals for future success
- ▶ Sign Up will be sent via ParentSquare by the end of the month



THANK YOU!

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