

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to take this time to welcome you and your student to the fourth grade! We are so excited about the 2018-2019 school year. We have many things planned for your student(s) and are looking forward to sharing these with you.

First, we would like to provide you a list of supplies that we would like your child to bring with them the first week of school.

Please note these items are required:

- A durable 1 ½ inch clear-view binder (includes clear plastic for cover page)
- Dividers without pockets (5)
- Pencil pouch with holes to place in binder (not a box)
- Pencils (non-mechanical are the best choice)
- Highlighters (green, yellow, pink)
- Colored pencils
- Scissors
- Lined and graph paper
- Earbuds or sturdy headphones

The following items are optional, but helpful:

- Sturdy backpack to fit binder
- Sheet protectors (5)
- White board marker (1-2)
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener

If you are unable to obtain any of the required items, please contact your child's teacher or the office as soon as possible.

Please note that we are an AVID school and all grade levels will be using AVID strategies in each classroom throughout every day and every lesson. This means that your students will be receiving an education in common core standards using WICOR – writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading. All students will be required to take their binders home each day and return to school with them the following day. Each student will also be required to complete daily agendas (which will be provided) and keep their binders organized.

Some of the things your student will be participating in are novel studies, California history activities and projects, interactive math lessons, and science labs.

In the past, parents have asked how they can help. One of the most important ways you can improve your student's educational experience is by volunteering. Please note that all volunteers must complete a volunteer form, submit TB test results, be fingerprinted, and receive approval from the board. This is a 6 to 8-week process, so please turn in all required items as soon as possible. For more information about volunteering, feel free to contact Ms. Daniella in the front office.

Please be aware that Back to School Night is a time in which you can receive more information so be sure to watch for our BTSN date and time. Finally, all fourth grade teachers will use a method of communication that will assist you in staying informed, including Class Dojo, newsletters, etc.

We encourage you to visit the library over the summer and practice your multiplication/math facts. This will ensure student success. We look forward to meeting you and your student!

The Fourth Grade Team