

10 things you need to know before 4th grade:

1. Responsibility/Independent behaviors- i.e. removing returned items from the Thursday Envelope and giving to the teacher, remembering recorders, library books, nightly homework, etc. with minimal parent support.
2. Composing a complete sentence with correct spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.
3. Be aware of the math strategies being taught in class and support those at home instead of teaching the standardized algorithm which may not be appropriate for the grade level. Eureka link: embarc.online.
4. Practice/master all basic math facts from 1-12 for addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.
5. Read as a family- read to your child, have older siblings read to younger siblings, and let them see you read.
6. Practice real life math. For example, cook with your child to practice fractions, let your child purchase things with money they have to count, etc.
7. Speaking and Listening- Have long conversations and insist that your child speak in complete sentences as opposed to a one or two word response.
8. Keyboarding Skills- dancemat.com, typing.com, nitrotype.com. There are many free typing websites your child can use to improve this skill.
9. Organizational Skills- Determine a specific place to work and keep school related items so they are in the same place.
10. Have your child clean up after themselves without being asked.