

Welcome to 4th Grade!

Solar Preparatory School for Girls
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4th Grade Team

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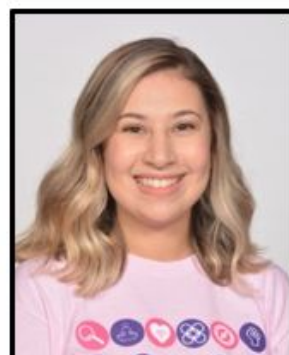
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An illustration of a woman wearing a purple hijab, a dark blue long-sleeved shirt, and a light purple apron. She is standing on the left side of the image, painting a light purple bust on an easel with a pink brush. A small orange cup with brushes is on the easel. The background is light purple with stylized clouds and a dotted line arching from the woman towards the text.

01

**How does 4th
grade differ from
3rd grade
content wise?**

An illustration of a white paper airplane with pink and purple wings, flying towards the right. It is positioned to the right of the central text circle, with a dotted line extending from the text towards it.

01

Content in 4th Grade

- We give our girls a lot of accountability when it comes to assignments and grades
- 4th graders have a STAAR test for Math, Reading, and Writing
- Organization is key when it comes to being successful with the content



4th Grade Math Content

- The 4th grade math curriculum is a big leap from 3rd grade! It requires students to deepen their understanding in number sense, algebraic relationships, geometry, and measurement.
- Place value Chart 4th Grade:

Billions			Millions			Thousands			Ones			Decim	
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- Multiplication Facts
- Fluency with multiplication facts is crucial in the 4th grade
- Word problems
- Comparing fractions with different denominators
- Converting units of measurement
- Finding area
- DIVISION

3rd Grade:

Thousands			Ones		
hundreds	tens	ones	hundreds	tens	ones

4th Grade Writing Content

Content Overview:

Narrative Writing
Expository Writing
Research

Grades:

Writing Compositions
Revising and Editing

Student Responsibilities:

STAAR Test: Grammar and Composition

Students will track their data based on standards

4th Grade Social Studies

Overview:

Native American Tribes in Texas

Colonization in Texas

Texas Revolution

Political, economic, and social changes in Texas

- Social Studies will be integrated into stations and writing throughout the year.
- Students will have projects instead of tests for heavy weighted grades

4th Grade Reading & Language Arts Content



- Very similar standards from third grade, but applied to more complex texts
- More emphasis on inferences, rather than literal recall
- **Content overview**
 - Personal Narratives & Poetry
 - Expository Text
 - Informational & Literary Text
 - Narrative Nonfiction & Biographies
 - Across Genres (Fiction, Drama, & Poetry)



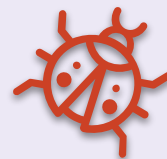
4th Grade Science Content

- **Content overview**

- Matter & Energy
- Force, Motion, & Energy
- Earth & Space
- Organisms & Environments

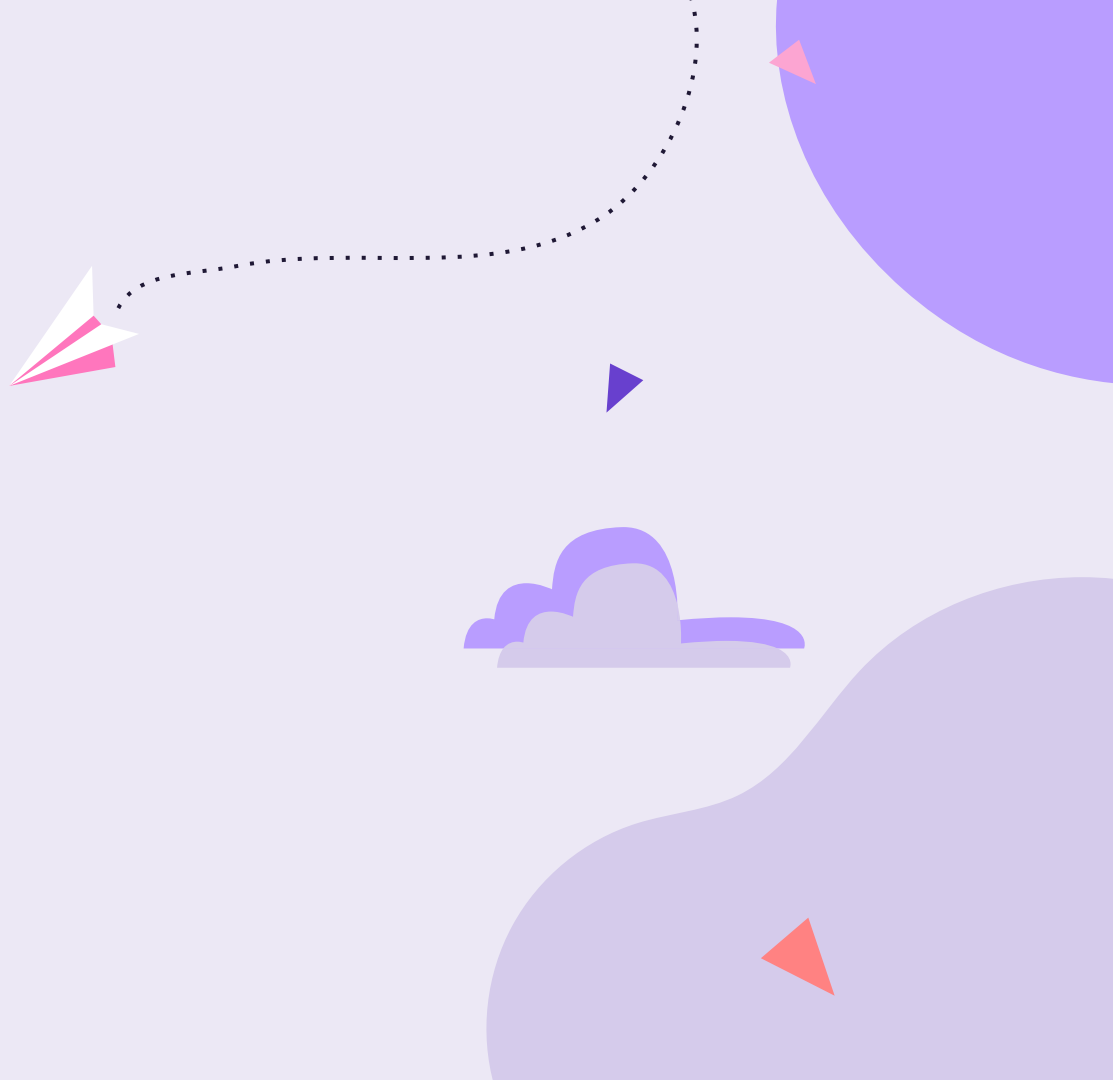
- **Science Fair/Project Based Learning**

- Broken down into smaller assignments
- Will be given due dates ahead of time
- Expected to work on projects at home
- Will be given at least 1 day to work on it at school



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**What does
Blended Learning
look like in 4th
Grade?**



Blended Learning in 4th Grade



DIRECT TEACHING
MODELING
GUIDED PRACTICE
TEACHER/STUDENT
CONFERENCE



PROJECTS/RESEARCH



TECHNOLOGY (LEXIA, STMATH,
GOOGLE CLASSROOM,ETC)



STATIONS: SKILL BUILDING



03

**What are the
expectations for
assignments?**

Expectations and Grades

- Scholars are expected to turn in assignments on time and with high quality work.
- Scholars are expected to keep up with their “Assignment List” and stay organized
- Scholars are expected to check on their grades through PowerSchool
- Our goal is to really build a sense of independence when it comes to their grades



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04

**What can parents do at home
to prepare over the summer?**

4th Grade Math: Summer ideas

- Build fluency with addition/subtraction
- Build fluency with multiplication facts
- Discuss and explore units of measurement for length, weight, and capacity
- Practice counting money (bills and coins)

4th Grade Writing: Summer Ideas

- Write 4-5 times/week: Journal, about a book they are reading, or any topic
- Write letters and cards to family members and friends, and encourage them to write back
- Read comics in the newspaper and let your student create their own.
- Have a place to display their writing

4th Grade Reading: Summer Ideas

- Parents can help over the summer by:
 - Read, read, read! Help girls discover favorite authors, genres, series...!
 - Talk about what your daughter is reading
 - Model being a reader: e.g. family reading nights
 - Use reading concepts to talk about other media: what was the major conflict in that movie? What traits does this TV character have?

4th Grade Science: Summer Ideas

- Parents can help over the summer by:
 - Model and encourage curiosity
 - Great YouTube channels: Smarter Every Day, Ted Ed
 - Podcasts: Wow in the World (NPR)

Parent Communication

1. School Website
2. Friday Folders
3. PowerSchool (Grades are communicated weekly to inform parents of weekly progress)
4. Parent - Teacher Conference (1 per semester unless otherwise requested)
5. Remind (preferred), emails, and phone calls
6. Bright Times



Teamwork makes the dream work!

- Parent Involvement = #1 Indicator for Student Success
- Check grades often
- Encourage after school routine
- Oversee organization but hold your daughter ultimately responsible
- Reinforce school expectations
- Help student social skills and practice communication skills
- Encourage student to be involved - clubs or other extracurricular activities
- Talk about positive behavioral traits (good friend, drama-free, listening, etc.)



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05

**What will we do to help
students who might have fallen
behind because of Covid 19?**

Helping students get back on track

- Embedded TEKS from 3rd Grade in the first 6 weeks of school.
- Differentiated Instruction that meets your scholar at her level and helps her be successful on getting back on grade level
- We will use data to help tailor our instruction to specifically meet your scholar's learning needs
- Social emotional well being is the most important component in our scholars' learning



Any questions about the Back to School Information Video?



BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION VIDEO

We invite you to watch this video prior to this week's orientation. This is a general overview of back to school information. The information at orientation will be all about curriculum, and you will be given an opportunity to ask questions about the information on the video.



Q & A

1. Writing STAAR being canceled? (Per TEA)
 - a. At the moment we will still have a writing STAAR test. If we hear any different from TEA we will let parents know.
2. Will dual Language students have only one teacher?
 - a. Dual language students will have two teachers with one rotation. Mrs Sanchez will be the math/ science teacher, Ms Huerta will be the Reading Language Arts teacher.
3. Will students who have finished STMath and Lexia have to start over?
 - a. Students will be assessed at the begin of the year and start at recommended level. ST Math and Lexia are available during the summer for students to continue working if they have not finished their current grade level.
4. Recommended reading list for summer?
 - a. Contact Ms. Wright if you want specific recommendations.
 - b. Students will receive books from Dallas ISD for summer reading.
 - c. Dallas public library summer reading list:
<https://www.dallaslibrary2.org/childrensCenter/kids/greatBooks.php>
5. When will Library books and chromebooks need to be turned in?
 - a. Both will be turned in when we return in the Fall. Please keep both safe at home during summer.

A collection of colorful mathematical and educational toys is scattered around the central text. In the top left, there is a teal calculator with white buttons. Below it, a yellow number '2' and a purple number '4' are visible. To the left of the center, a purple semi-circle with the fraction $\frac{2}{17}$ is shown. At the bottom left, a yellow number '1' and a purple number '5' are present. In the top center, there are two pencils, one white and one silver, and a teal number '1'. To the right of the center, a blue number '6' and a purple number '6' are visible. In the bottom right, there is a black calculator with a green '+' button and a blue number '6'. A blue ruler is partially visible in the top right corner. The background is a light purple surface.

Thank you!