

Fourth Grade Facts

What's the best way to reach Mrs. Farra?

Email! I check my email throughout the day and at least once on the weekends. After school feel free to call me at home, but please not after 9:00 pm. My phone number is 386-1770. I must admit that my worst habit is failing to check voicemail messages at school. The best way to reach me (especially during the school day) is through email.

What's the best way to reach Señora Welsh?

Email! Like Mrs. Farra, Señora Welsh checks her email throughout the day. Señora Welsh's phone number is 649-3417, but please do not call after 9:00 pm.

When should I expect handouts and newsletter to be sent home?

Students will have mailboxes in their lead areas that they will be encouraged to check daily, especially on Fridays for school-related handouts. (Some handouts may be sent home earlier in the week.) In an effort to reduce our paper trail weekly newsletters will be sent via email on Friday. The newsletter will also be posted on my website.

What is the purpose of the 4" view-binder?

Most of the work students turn in will be kept in the classroom. The 4" view-binder serves as a scrapbook of sorts to collect all of the work we complete this year. After work is graded and returned to students they file it and later organize it in their binder. By the end of the year the binders are overflowing with all of the activities and projects completed in 4th grade. Although the binder helps to teach students how to become organized, it is also an amazing resource for students to use to reflect on their growth as a reader and writer. Parents are welcome to come in and examine their child's binder throughout the year. Copies of completed writing pieces will be sent home.

Are there still class parties in 4th grade?

You bet! Expect the same class parties as 3rd grade: Halloween, Holiday (with a book exchange!), Valentine's Day, and Summer Birthday Ice Cream Social.

How do you celebrate birthdays?

Birthdays are celebrated during lunch (11:55-12:20). The school encourages parents to order a Birthday Cookie Cake from the kitchen (see the website to order). Since we are a nut-free school it is difficult to find baked goods that are nut-free, but our delicious birthday cookie is 100% nut-free.

It's Monday, where is Mrs. Farra?

Mrs. Farra has Mondays off this year. Sarah Dewberry, Mrs. Farra's older and wiser sister, will be teaching 4th grade LA/SS on Mondays.

Typical 4th Grade LA/SS Homework

Day	Assignments
Monday	Word Work Packet handed out. Generally 2 or 3 worksheets that cover concepts being discussed in class. The packet is due Friday. Spelling/Vocabulary words introduced. We will work with the words throughout the week. There will be a quiz Friday. Read for 30 min!*
Tuesday	Read for 30 min!
Wednesday	Read for 30 min!
Thursday	Lit Circle Reading Due and assignment. Students determine the number of pages they will be reading over the week. The assignments are designed to increase comprehension and generally take no more than 30 minutes to complete. Read for 30 min!
Friday	Word Work Packet DUE Spelling/Vocab Quiz. Read for 30 min!

*The goal is to read 30 minutes every day. Remember, this is a goal, not a requirement. There will be days when you only have time to read for 10 minutes and other days when you have two hours to read. The purpose of this goal is to build healthy reading habits.