

July 28, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to FOURTH GRADE!! This year your child's fourth grade teachers are Mr. Lessick (Math, Science and Social Studies) and Ms. Scartelli (Reading and Writing). We are looking forward to an exciting year working with your child! We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of some important information regarding the fourth grade school year.

REQUIRED SUPPLIES

2 dozen sharpened pencils
4 highlighters
4 2-pocket folders
5 dry erase markers
4 journals (marble composition books)
1 spiral notebook
Loose leaf lined paper
1 pack of Post-It Notes
1 pack of erasers
1 pack of copy paper
1 box of tissues
1 container of hand sanitizer
1 container of disinfecting wipes
Independent reading book for SSR
Headphones (For computer use)
3-5 masks

*Hand-held pencil sharpeners and scissors are **NOT** allowed at John B. Kelly. We will provide those items when necessary.

Virtual Learning during COVID-19:

As of now, the district is planning for a hybrid learning experience. Half of the students will attend school in person on Mondays and Wednesdays and the other half will attend on Tuesdays/Thursdays. All students will learn virtually from home on Fridays. Please monitor the school district website for updates/changes regarding the 2020/2021 school year.

If classes resume virtually in the fall, please check to make sure that your child is turning in assignments. If classes resume in-person in the fall, please check your child's homework. Homework will be assigned Monday through Friday. It is important for students to complete daily homework assignments as they provide students with an opportunity to review and practice skills covered in school each day.

Please monitor your child's daily reading habits, as independent reading outside of school will be critical to strengthening his/her fluency and comprehension skills. He/She should read a book of his/her choice each day for at least 30 minutes.

READING LOGS (during in person learning)

Students are required to read **30 minutes each night** in conjunction with their daily reading homework. Students may choose a book from the public library, our classroom library, or from any other additional sources. This book will serve as their independent reading book in school as well, so it is important that the students bring their book to school on a daily

basis. A **reading log** will be provided to the students to keep track of their reading and for a **parent signature each night**. Furthermore, the students will be required to turn in a book report at the end of each month (Starting in October) on a book of their choice. The book report form will be provided by the teacher. Happy reading!

ATTENDANCE/UNIFORMS

If for some reason your child is absent, **a written note must be brought back the day your child returns to school in order for the absence to be excused, a Dojo message will not be accepted.** We have several amazing incentives going on this year so you will want to make sure that your children are here and on time 😊. **Also, students must be in uniform everyday.**

CLASS DOJO

We will be using Class Dojo this year for parent/teacher communication, monitoring behavior, and classroom rewards and incentives. We highly encourage you to sign up so we can work together to ensure your child has the best year possible. We will send home a sheet with a code and instructions on how to sign up! Thank you in advance!

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress at any time, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school, through email, or through Class Dojo. We look forward to an exciting, enriching year with your child!

Sincerely,

Ms. Scartelli & Mr. Lessick

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