



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to FOURTH GRADE!! This year certainly will be one to remember! I know there are a lot of new procedures for everyone to learn. I am sure that if we all work together we will be able to have a seamless transition from the SDP's hybrid model, to fully online, to hopefully fully in person learning.

This year your student will be switching classes. For math and science your student will be in room 113 with Mrs. Amy Balzano. Let me tell you a little bit about myself. I live near Pottstown, Pa with my husband, two daughters, and teacup Yorkie; Silly Lilly. When I am not teaching, I enjoy spending time with my family, sitting by the pool reading, and exercising. My absolute favorite pastime is, however, SHOPPING!

For literacy and social studies your student will be in room 114 with Ms. Tate I was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA. I have 2 sons and 1 daughter who take up all my time. When I'm not loving on my kids, you can find me snuggled on the sofa watching Netflix. Looking forward to a wonderful year of learning!

In order for your children to be successful in fourth grade, we are counting on your help and support throughout the school year. This will come in the form of assisting with homework, signing all papers, regularly checking **Class Dojo**, signing up for **Google Classroom** notifications, and making sure your child is in school, on time, and of course in uniform each and every day that they are supposed to attend, or logging in the days that they are learning from home.

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 absences to be excused, a text message or Dojo message will not be accepted. After 8 written notes, only a DOCTOR'S note will 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. In addition, children should be picked up in the schoolyard at our line by **3:09** each afternoon (we will be exiting out of the **west** doors). Below are some friendly reminders to get you and your child ready to learn...

1. Breakfast is from 8:00-8:20 sharp.
2. Lunch is 11:24-12:14
3. Homework in reading and math will be given out nightly and will take approximately 1 hour. Please review all homework.
 - a. Students are expected to have an independent book that they are reading at home. There will be a reading log that **MUST** be signed each night. Students may get books from the public or school library. Borrowing a book is a responsibility and if students lose or destroy the books it is expected that the school/teacher will be compensated.
4. Communication is key!!!! If you have any problems, please don't hesitate to contact us using the above information and Class Dojo. Be sure to sign up for both classes!!
5. **Gym** day is _____ for 113 HR and _____ for 114 HR. Children who are not in sneakers will not be able to participate in gym.

Please see the reverse side of this letter for the supply list.

We look forward to having an exciting, and academically amazing school year. Please know that our number one priority is educating your scholar in a safe, welcoming environment. Your support throughout the school year is so very important. Let's work together to make this year an amazing one!!!

Sincerely,

Your very proud and excited teachers,
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Supply List

Please be sure to have the following supplies as soon as possible so we can have our year leap onto a smooth start.

- A clean mask daily and an extra in case the 1st one gets dirty
- 1 Backpack: No wheels please due to lack of space
- 24 #2 pencils: **(Ticoneronda pencils are best)**
- 6 composition books/ notebooks; homework, reading, writing, math, science and social studies
- 3 sturdy plastic two pocket folder with fasteners
- 1 pack of dry erase markers **and** a dry eraser (or clean sock)
- 3 large (or 6 small) glue sticks
- 1 pencil case
- 1 large pink eraser
- 1-2 packs of post it notes
- 2-3 highlighters
- 1 box of 24 **Crayola** crayons
- 1 **large** bottle of hand sanitizer (or more!!!)
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 1 large container of Lysol wipes
- 1 ream of copy paper
- 1 box of gallon bags and 1 box of quart baggies
- headphones for computer use



****You are the best supply we could ask for!!! Be sure to fill out the child abuse and criminal history check so that you will be able to join us on our trips. Slips are available in room 111.**

Thank you!!!!!!!