



Welcome to 4th Grade Curriculum Night!

2009-2010
Hart Elementary



Science

- Mr. Preheim
 - Rotates throughout all 4th grade classes.



Science Curriculum

- All of the fourth grade students will be involved in a variety of investigations throughout the year.
- Students will be able to show their knowledge of scientific concepts through the use of journals, discussions, and projects.



Math

- Mrs. Mastellar
 - Rotation one with Mrs. Kerr
- Mrs. Zundel
 - Rotation two with Mrs. Tindall



Math Curriculum

- Exploring Math concepts through hands on investigations
 - Small Groups
 - Pairs
 - Extensive use of manipulatives and games to discover the content
 - [Arcy Tech](#)



Reading/Language Arts & Social Studies

- Mrs. Kerr
 - Rotation one with Mrs. Mastellar
- Mrs. Tindall
 - Rotation two with Mrs. Zundel



Language Arts Curriculum

- Our students will learn to become better writers and spellers through:
 - having uninterrupted organized opportunities to write
 - observing and commenting on the writing of others (peers and famous authors)
 - participating in weekly word work groups



Integrated Reading/Social Studies

- Students will develop and practice reading skills through nonfiction material during Social Studies. Reading skills will also be developed through literature circles, class read-alouds, and independent reading time.



Spelling Information

- Research dating back as far as the 30's, indicate what we have long suspected: isolated drill/skill holds little value for children and how they learn about words and how words work. The Lovejoy philosophy believes that children learn best in context and active learning, rather than passive drill. Therefore our students will be learning spelling patterns through *Words Their Way*.
- Your child's spelling list will be generated based on their spelling needs.
- Spelling lists will go home on Monday and be assessed on Friday. Your child will participate in spelling activities at school and at home. **HOWEVER**, spelling lists may not go home every week (we will keep you informed).



Notebooks

- The majority of your child's work will be completed in their notebooks. Rubrics (see example on website) will be sent home, showing you how your child did on an assignment. However, notebooks will **NOT** be sent home. Please feel free to come up to school to browse your child's notebook at anytime!
- **Writer's Notebook:** This is where your child will draft many of their stories. They will also write down writing tips.
- **Social Studies Notebook:** This is where your child will complete social studies/reading activities and write down important vocabulary.



Homework

- ELAR homework will be given on Monday and will consist of spelling words, writing, and reading activities. It will begin on September 14th. Written spelling words will be due on Wednesday and everything else will be due on the following Monday.
- There will be no reading log in 4th grade. However, your child should be reading about 20 minutes per night. Some of the reading activities will have to be completed with a book they are reading independently at home.
- Math homework will be given on Monday and is due the following Monday.



Expectations

- Hart Promise
 - Respect Others
 - Listen Attentively
 - Practice Responsible Behaviors
 - Always to my best

*** Marble Jar***



Assessing Your Child

- Informal
 - Journals
 - Rubrics
 - Classwork
 - Teacher observation
- Formal
 - Benchmarks
 - Assessments



Differentiating

- No matter the child, we are going to know where your child is and help them grow and build on their knowledge
 - Centers: Intervention & Extension Groups
 - Using data to drive instruction
 - Remember the focus of each student achieving growth
 - One on one conferencing



Planners

- Your students will be writing in these on a daily basis. Included should be daily plans from each class and homework with due dates.



Communication With Your Teacher

- On the front of your packet, there is a list of teachers with their contact information.
 - Email (best way)
 - Phone
 - Thursday Folder Information
 - 4th Grade Newsletter (blog)
 - Graded work



Instructional Technology

- Each classroom is equipped with 4 computers
- School wide Computer labs
- Will receive a letter grade for Technology
- Technology will be integrated with other subjects throughout each 6 weeks
- Interactive StarBoards and Document Cameras



Questions

- Please write any questions on your index cards located on the table near the door. Put these in the box and your child's teacher will get back with you.



Mrs. Kerr's Daily Schedule

8:00 - 10:10	ELAR/SS
10:10 - 10:55	Math with Mrs. Mastellar
10:55 - 11:35	Science with Mr. Preheim
11:35 - 12:20	Continue Math
12:20 - 12:50	Lunch
12:50 - 1:20	Recess
1:25 - 2:10	Specials Mon/Thurs/Fri: PE, Tues: Music, Wed: Art
2:15 - 3:00	Centers (Tues/Thurs/Fri) Technology (Wed) and Spanish (Mon)



Mrs. Mastellar's Daily Schedule

8:00 - 8:45	Math
8:45 - 9:30	Science with Mr. Preheim
9:30 - 10:10	Continue Math
10:10 - 12:20	ELAR/SS with Mrs. Kerr
12:20 - 12:50	Lunch
12:50 - 1:20	Recess
1:25 - 2:10	Specials Mon-Wed: PE, Thurs: Music, Fri: Art
2:15 - 3:00	Centers (Mon/Wed/Fri) Technology (Tues) and Spanish (Thurs)



Mrs. Tindall's Daily Schedule

8:00 - 10:10	ELAR/Social Studies
10:10 - 11:35	Math with Mrs. Zundel
11:35 - 12:20	Science with Mrs. Preheim
12:20 - 12:50	Lunch
12:50 - 1:20	Recess
1:25 - 2:10	Specials Mon: Art, Tues-Thurs: PE, Fri: Music
2:15 - 3:00	Centers (Tues/Thurs/Fri) Technology (Mon) and Spanish (Wed)



Mrs. Zundel's Daily Schedule

8:00 - 8:45	Science with Mr. Preheim
8:45 - 10:10	Math
10:10 - 12:20	ELAR/Social Studies with Mrs. Tindall
12:20 - 12:50	Lunch
12:50 - 1:20	Recess
1:25 - 2:10	Specials Mon: Music, Tues : Art, Wed - Fri: PE
2:15 - 3:00	Centers (Mon/Wed/Fri) Technology (Thurs) and Spanish (Tues)



Mr. Preheim's Daily Schedule

8:00 - 9:30	Math with Mrs. Ricci
9:35 - 10:20	Science
10:25 - 12:20	ELAR/Social Studies with Mrs. Anderson
12:20 - 12:50	Lunch
12:50 - 1:20	Recess
1:20 - 2:10	Specials
2:15 - 3:00	Centers, Technology, and Spanish