

# Welcome to the 4th grade!

I'm Mrs.McFarland and I will be your child's Language Arts and/or Science teacher. I am looking forward to many new adventures and learning experiences this year!

I would like to take a moment to inform you of my classroom expectations. RESPECT is the foundation of my classroom and my number one rule. We will have a successful year demonstrating RESPECT towards each other, ourselves, and our community.

## *Methods of communication:*

Your child will write any homework assignments in their agenda and I will initial that day. Please take time to review the agenda on a daily basis and feel free to write a note with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Remind101 is a free text service that I will be using. If you choose to register (free of cost) you will receive any important reminders from me via text message. Please follow the instructions on the handout if you are interested.

You can also follow our weekly newsletter via my website at [mcfarland4.weebly.com](http://mcfarland4.weebly.com). This contains all schedules, information and activities for our classroom.

I am always available before school (7:35-7:55), during my planning (11:38-12:28) and directly after school until 3:15. You may call 419-895-1700 ext:18105 or email: [\*\*mcfarland.amy@crestviewschools.net\*\*](mailto:mcfarland.amy@crestviewschools.net)

## *Language Arts:*

Homework will be written in the agenda and is expected to be completed the next day. We follow the "three strikes" rule in 4th grade. After three incomplete homework assignments, an after school detention will be served.

We will start the year off by practicing our spelling skills. The weekly words and assignments will be given on Monday and the spelling test will be given on Friday. Students will have time during homeroom to practice their spelling words. Homework will be given on Monday and due on Thursday.

The second semester we will focus on daily language work during homeroom. Students will complete an in class assignment Monday-Thursday and a quick quiz over the skills we have practiced that week will be given on Friday.

All writing will be graded on: spelling, grammar, handwriting/neatness and correct format. We will be practicing reading and writing in cursive as I feel it is a skill that students should possess.

Reading will focus on instruction of literacy skills and fluency practice. Fourth graders will be tested over their proficiency in reading in April and my goal is to make sure that 100% of my students show growth. There will be reading homework during the week (no weekends). I will also expect students to read at home for at least 15 minutes on a nightly basis and will send home a monthly reading schedule.

***Science:***

We will be conducting a lot of hands-on activities and games in the classroom. I want my students to enjoy discovering, learning, and experimenting. We will experiment and create often. We will also be focusing a lot of our nonfiction elements of reading and writing in Science class.

Science homework will also be written in the student's agenda and the same "three strikes" rule applies.

Fourth grade is full of laughter, love, and learning! With RESPECT for one another, we can accomplish anything! I am excited to share this experience with you.

Sincerely,

Mrs.M



Download a QR reader app on your smart phone and save the link to our classroom website.