

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom Information 2020-2021

Gobles Elementary School 628-9440

First Bell: 8:40pm

School Begins: 8:45 am

Dismissal: 3:10 pm

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Welcome to the fourth grade! We are looking forward to spending the year with your child and being your partner in their education. Please feel free to share your child's attitude toward school and activities with us so together we can provide a supportive, positive atmosphere to further reinforce the school/home relationship. This is a big year for personal growth and independence for all 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. We look forward to a great year ahead! ☺

### 1. Homework:

- a. Homework Policy: As 4th grade teachers we do not send home specific "homework" 4th grade homework assignments are assignments that are not finished in class, studying for tests, or long term projects. We believe children need to have family time in the evenings and need to get brain breaks when they are home. We do encourage nightly reading at home.
- b. Homework will include:
  - Work not completed in class,
  - Specific assignments or projects to be done at home
  - Test review, projects, studying, or reading.
  - **MATH BINDER:** Students will have a Math Binder with examples from class that can be brought home for homework and to study for tests.

### 2. Make up Work

- a. All makeup work must be completed.
- b. Students will have two school days to complete all makeup work
- c. In order to receive full credit, students must turn in their missing work by the beginning of the third day
- d. It is the student's responsibility to get the absent worksheet the day he/she returns to school and to remember to turn in Assignments on time
- e. Tests will be made up at school only
- f. Teachers DO NOT GIVE work ahead of time for planned family vacations or extended absences.

### 3. Grading Policy:

- a. 4th Grade students will receive **ACADEMIC GRADES**
- b. Work that is on time will receive full credit
- c. 1 or more days late will be graded upon teacher's discretion
- d. If your child needs to redo an assignment it is required to be turned in the following school day
- e. Our grading scale is...

Above 100%	A+	80%-83%	B-	64%-66%	D
94%-100%	A	77%-79%	C+	60%-63%	D-
90%-93%	A-	74%-76%	C	59% and below	F
87%-89%	B+	70%-73%	C-		
84%-86%	B	67%-69%	D+		

#### 4. Individual Class Grades

<b>Reading &amp; Language Arts</b>	60 % Daily Work 20 % Assessments 20% Spelling		
<b>Writing</b>	70% Daily Writing 15% DOL 15% Assesment	<b>Math</b>	60% Skill Mastery (Quizzes / Tests) 30% Learner Behavior (In Class Work) 10% Group work & Notebook
<b>Science</b>	60 % Daily Work 30 % Projects/Labs 10 % Tests/Quizzes	<b>Social Studies</b>	20% Tests and Projects 80% Daily Assignments

#### 5. Basic Classroom Rules

- a) Classroom procedures must be followed at all times.
- b) Procedures will be presented the first day of class and practiced as reinforcement.
- c) Rules will be posted in the classroom as a reminder of what is expected of students on a daily basis.
- d) As a class, we will set and discuss appropriate guidelines for class conduct on the first day of school
- e) If guidelines are not followed, disciplinary action will be taken at the teacher's discretion.
- f) Students will follow the School Behavior Rubric
- g) Please do not allow your child to come to school with gum or candy.
- h) Students should not bring electronics, small gaming devices, cell phones, toys, etc. to class. Teachers will confiscate these items until parents can pick them up. Cell phones must be kept on silent or turned off in students' backpacks. We do not encourage students to bring these items to school as we cannot be responsible for the items.

#### 5. Schedule (Subject to change)

8:45-9:10	Arrival, Breakfast, Attendance
9:10-9:50	Specials
9:50-10:50	Rotation #1 -- MATH
10:50-11:50	Rotation #2 -- SOCIAL STUDIES
11:50-12:50	Rotation #3 -- WRITING
12:50-1:40	Lunch / Recess
1:40-3:00	ELA with Homeroom Class
3:00-3:10	Clean Up / Dismissal

#### 8) COMMUNICATION:

1. Communication is key in helping with your child's education. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child's homeroom teacher or any other 4th grade teacher.
2. It is our goal to help your child have the best possible education at Gobles Public Schools.
3. Weekly handouts and any graded assignments will all be sent home on in your students folders each Friday.
4. 4th Grade uses Class Dojo as a communication and behavior management tool. Please make sure you are logged in and check often for important communication and information.