



# 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

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A Letter from the Desk of...

*The Fourth-Grade Team*

Dear 4<sup>th</sup>-Grade Parents and Students,

We're so eager to begin this school year as we have an exciting, busy, and fun-filled year ahead of us! We look forward to developing positive relationships with and between each of our students. Furthermore, we hope to foster strong communication ties with you, our partners in the all-around success and well-being of your children. Please refer to the back of this newsletter for our contact information.

As our fourth-graders move into their upper-elementary years, the students will also be required to maintain a standard of organization and preparedness. While we look forward to sharing further details of our expectations for students at Back-to-School Night on September 16<sup>th</sup>, we want to take this opportunity to emphasize some of the foundations to student success in 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

Each student is expected to keep a daily record of all homework assignments in his or her school-provided agenda book. Students should refer to this agenda book nightly to check off homework as it is completed and to obtain a parent signature to verify completion. After one month of signing the agenda book, it will be your choice as to whether you and your child continue the routine (should reinforcement still be needed) or forgo it (should your child be completing his/her work independently).

We cannot emphasize our excitement for this year enough and we hope that you and your child are equally as enthusiastic for what promises to be a fruitful year! See you on September 16<sup>th</sup>!



Sincerely,

Mike Anderson, Liza Levenson, & Stefanie Rardin



## Mark Your Calendars!

Monday, September 7 <sup>th</sup> :	No School, Labor Day
Tuesday, September 8 <sup>th</sup> :	Monday Specials
Friday, September 11 <sup>th</sup> :	Back-to-School Picnic, 6:00
Wednesday, September 16 <sup>th</sup> :	Back-to-School Night
Thursday, September 17 <sup>th</sup> :	Character Ed. Assembly, 2:30
Week of September 21 <sup>st</sup> :	MAP-R Testing
Monday, September 28 <sup>th</sup> :	No School, Yom Kippur
Wednesday, September 30 <sup>th</sup> :	Monday Specials

**KEEP IN TOUCH  
WITH YOUR  
CHILD'S  
TEACHER**



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## What's Ahead for

# September:

<b>Reading</b>	At the beginning of this month, we'll be enjoying fables. Students will identify character foibles and motivations, morals, as well as other story elements.
<b>Writing</b>	Students will be jumping into their writer's notebooks at the outset of the month. The writer's notebook is for gathering ideas and expanding upon observations and personal memories. By mid-September, students will be pulling a personal narrative piece out of their notebook to be carried into the writing process (drafting, editing, revising, and publishing).
<b>Social Studies</b>	Students will first be learning about geographic and human characteristics of Maryland. Students will then move onto a study of the geographical regions of the United States.
<b>Science</b>	In Science, students will investigate means of classifying the diversity of our natural environment. Then, students will begin studying ecosystems.
<b>Technology</b>	Students will become familiar with the appropriate and responsible practice policies of internet use while engaging in a number of research and communication projects that will tie into Science and Social Studies.



## COMING UP IN THE OCTOBER ISSUE...

- Field Trip Update
- Columbus Day Open House Information



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