

Welcome to 4th Grade Back to
School Night!



Volunteers!

If you are interested in volunteering, you **need** attend a training (only if you haven't already done so)! Please check with the PTA about upcoming training sessions.





Conferences

Please sign-up for a conference with your child's **homeroom teacher!**

Sign-up sheets are out in your child's homeroom this evening.

Field Trips & Curricular Activities

- 4th graders will go on at least 3 field trips this year.
 - Community Fair
 - Baltimore Aquarium (Sept. 30th)
 - Annapolis (May)
- Curricular activities involve all 7 4th grade classes.
 - Chesapeake Bay Day
 - MD Day
 - Native American Day



Learning Skills



- Learning Skills are recorded in all classes.
- Students are assessed on the following scale: I-Independent, L-Limited, F-Frequently, R-Rarely.
- Example: Erin is missing 4 homework assignments. Her Learning Skill “grade” for homework is an “F.”




Binders

- There are **five** sections (Homeroom, Math, Reading, Writing, and Science/Social Studies)
- Papers in their binders can be used as a review tool for homework's and tests.
- Agendas- check daily for hw
- Every student is given a **separate** data binder.



Data Binders

- ❖ Students will have an entire binder for all of their graded work and projects.
- ❖ Progress reports will be sent home mid-quarter along with their data binder.



MSA Testing

- ❖ All Fourth Grade students will be taking the MSA again this year.
- ❖ We are asking that you try not to plan your family vacation during the MSA.
- ❖ Testing dates run from March 12th – 26th.
- ❖ We will prepare and practice for this assessment throughout the school year.

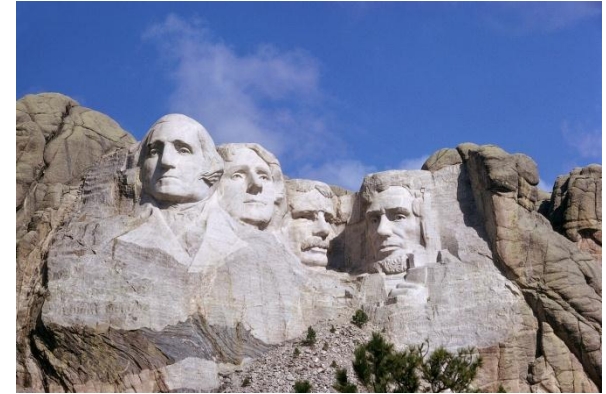
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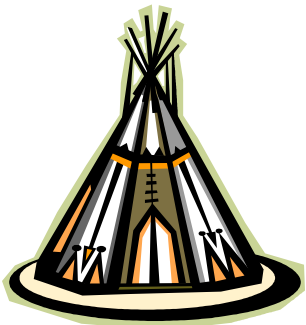
Science & Social Studies Units



Mr. Zimmerman is teaching all 4th graders Science and Social Studies this year.



Our Social Studies units focus on Maryland History, Native Americans, and maps and geography.



Our Science Units include Ecosystems, Chemistry, and Rocks and Minerals.



Reading



Reading

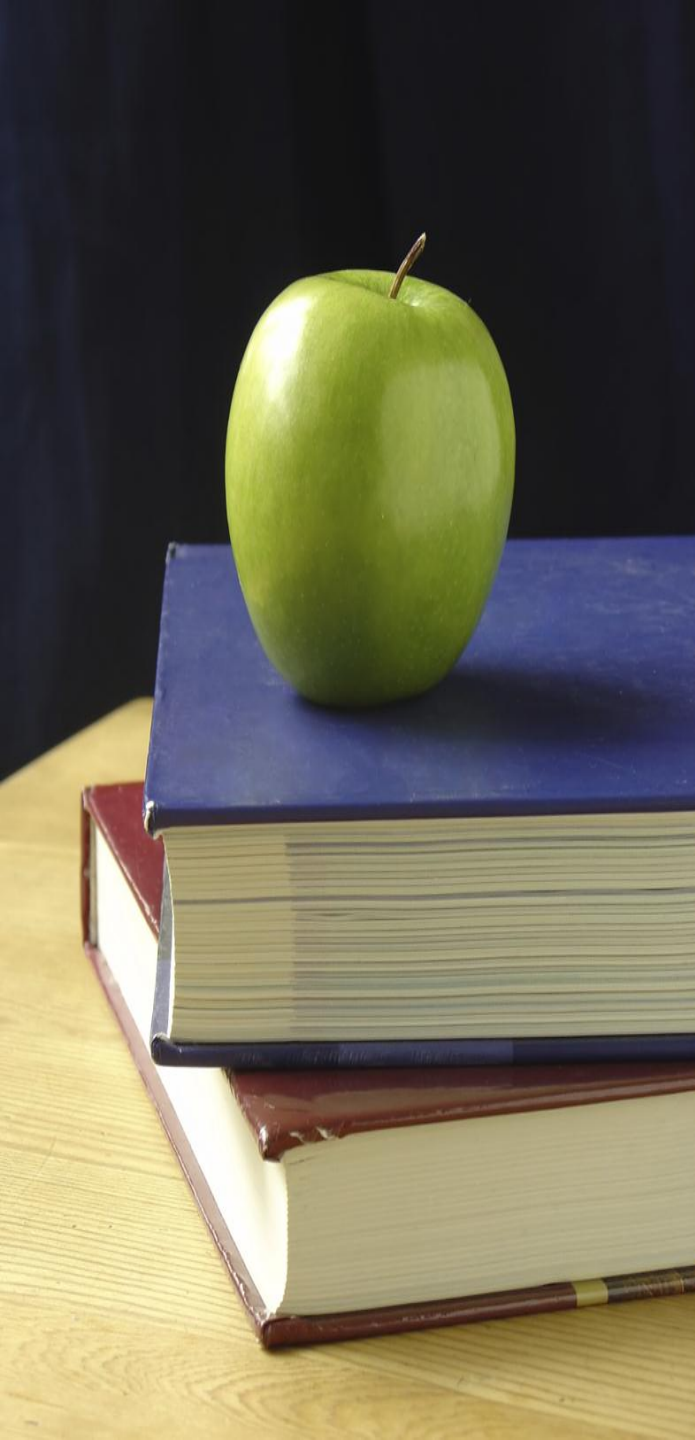
- ❖ Mrs. Randall will teach all reading this year.
- ❖ MCPS has provided a list of Core Books to be used by 4th graders.
- ❖ 25 book expectation
- ❖ Students will focus on reading strategies such as predicting, visualizing, making connections, inferring, and questioning.
- ❖ Reading Response Journals and guided reading books are kept in class.
- ❖ Encourage cross-genre reading. Students will read for the literary experience as well as to be informed.



Reading: Groups

- All reading classes are heterogeneously grouped.
- Guided instruction will take place daily and groups are formed by reading ability and individual needs.
 - Groups are fluid and children are moved as their needs change.





Reading: Homework

- Students should read every **at least** 20 minutes every night.
- Reinforce skills taught in class
- Wednesday Night Journals- I usually provide a writing prompt. If there's no prompt students should free write.
- Any additional homework will be recorded in your child's agenda. Please check it daily. 😊

Additional Information

- Book-It

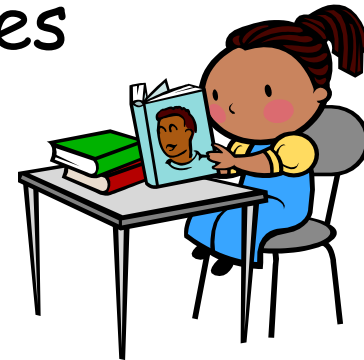
- Oct. - Mar.
- Pizza Hut coupons



- Scholastic

- Study Island

- Ribbon recognition at B&W assemblies



Spelling:

- Spelling lists will be given bi-weekly
- Each list will focus on a spelling pattern or blend as well as high frequency and content words.
- Students will bring home their Spelling journals every other Thursday to practice their words and fulfill their contracts.
- Spelling tests will be given at the end of the two week period.
- Spelling grades are taken from both writing and spelling tests.



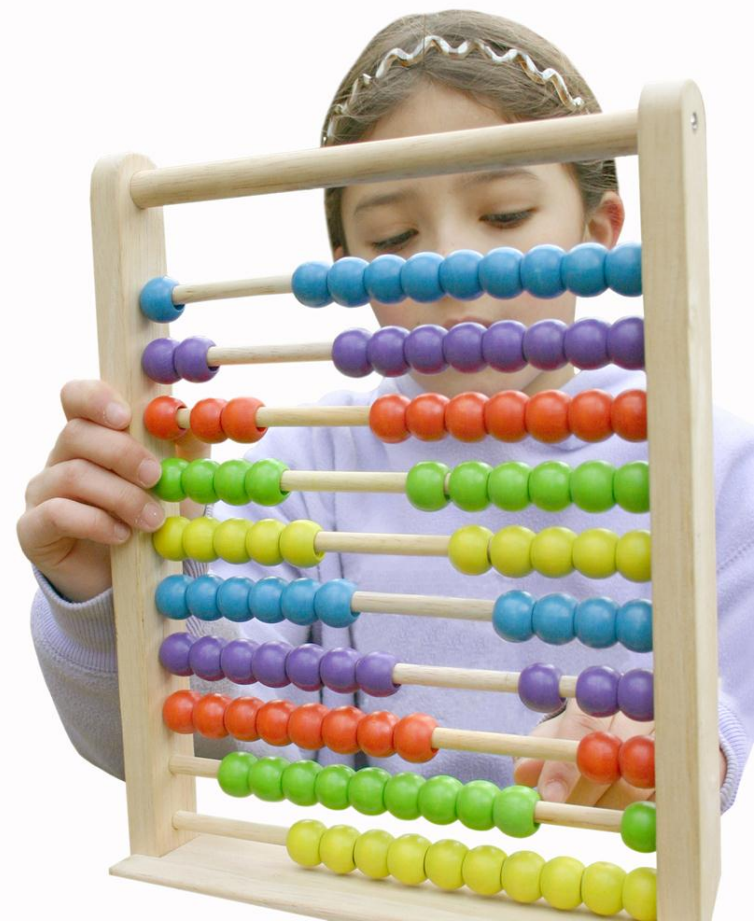
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Focus:

- Personal Narrative
- Persuasive Writing
- Poetry
- Letters

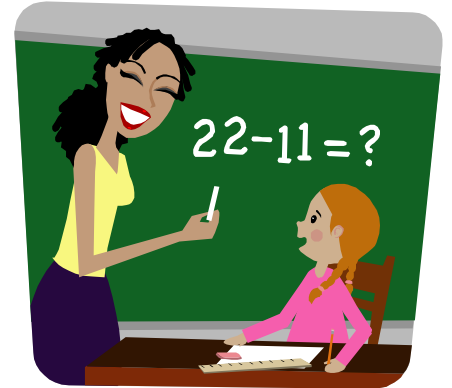


Math



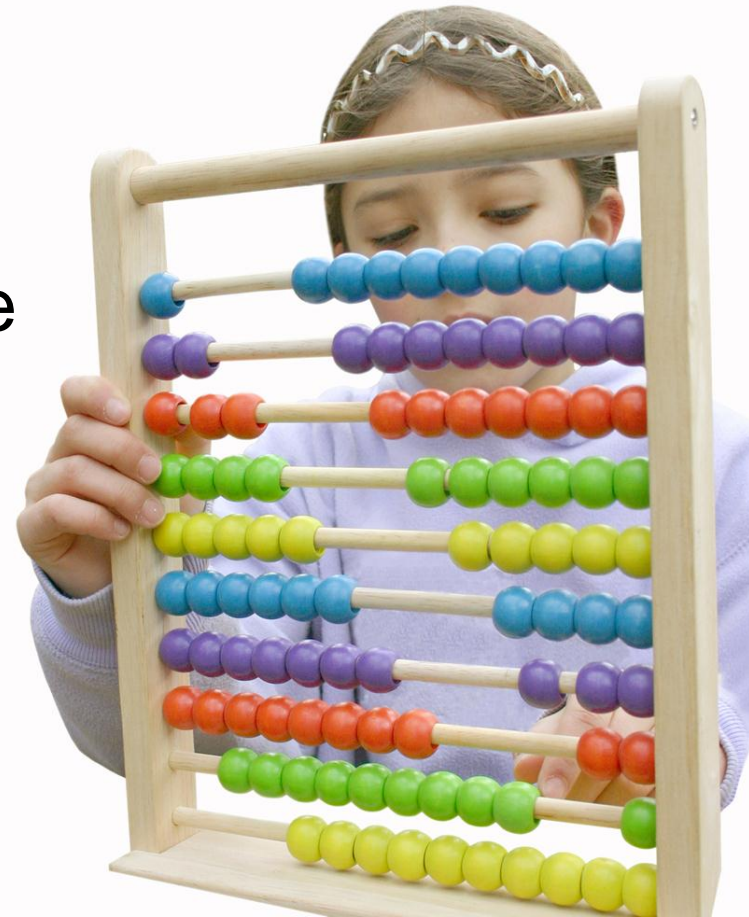
What does math instruction look like in Mrs. Foltyn's classroom?

- Activator/warm-up
- BRIEF homework review
- 15-20 min. focus lesson
- Independent practice/Group Work
- Daily small group instruction
- Centers
- Closure/Exit Card/Informal Assessment



Math Homework

- Students will have Homework in math EVERY NIGHT except Fridays.
- Mad Minutes will be sent home bi-weekly.



Questions?



Thanks for coming!!!

