



Dear 4th Grade Parents,

We are very excited to welcome your child to 4th grade. We are looking forward to a wonderful year together. Fourth grade marks a passage in school life as your child becomes more independent and is able to do more for him/herself. At curriculum night we will talk about the 4th grade curriculum. Please plan to attend. We have high expectations for our students as they face the challenges ahead. Also, we are committed to creating an upbeat, productive classroom environment. We want to engage their interests and get them excited about learning.

**Parent Communication and Dismissal** – E-mail is a convenient, efficient way to communicate. E-mails will receive a response within twenty-four hours on school days. During the school day, when we are either with your children or preparing for their instruction, it may not be possible to read and respond to messages until after the school day is over.

Please send messages regarding dismissal by noon. If you have a weekly routine for dismissal, you are welcome to forward this to us. For example, “Mary takes the red bus on Mondays, stays after school on Tuesdays, and is in car pool on Wednesdays.” Then you only need to let us know when there is a change in this routine. A handwritten note is an option, as well. Bus lists are modified in the morning to reflect any changes for that day.

In the event of a last minute dismissal change, the best course of action would be to contact Mrs. Callahan, the school nurse, who will ensure that we receive the message. Should it happen that you are late for car pool pick up, your child will automatically be sent to After School until you arrive.

Please remember that we will always respond to your dismissal e-mails to let you know they were received. If you do not hear from us, please do not assume we received your e-mail. At that time please contact Nurse Callahan to follow up.

Sincerely,

The Fourth Grade Teachers