

Welcome to Fourth Grade!

We are off to an excellent start to what should be a very exciting year. Here are some highlights of the first day:

We discussed rules and expectations and assigned the first homework assignment of the year: Review the Student Behavior Handbook with your parents (this the handbook can be found in the front of the homework planner)- Parents please sign the blue sheet stapled to the front inside cover of the planner.

We also learned about the positive rewards in our room, including the whole group reward-Fun Friday, and the individual award-Ticket Drawings.

We discussed the Awareness Charts that each student has taped to their desk. Students will use this to monitor their behavior (Off-task behavior results in a check)There are consequences for exceeding three check marks in a week. These consequences include loss of Fun Friday recess (4 checks) or a call home (more than 4 checks). These charts go home at the end of each month. I look forward to sending home completely blank, or nearly blank Awareness Charts each month.

We completed a writing sample which will be used to gauge their writing progress over the course of the year and came up with ideas to decorate and personalize their Writer's Notebooks.

Our second homework assignment is to gather items (Due Monday 9/8) to decorate and personalize their notebooks. This could include photos, souvenirs,(ideally 2 dimensional) pictures from the internet (I, for example would print out the Eagles logo) items cut from magazines or newspapers, and anything that describes your child's hobbies or interests. None of these items needs to be purchased.

On Friday 9/5 we will begin our first unit in Everyday math by familiarizing ourselves with the Student Reference Book. The first unit is titled, "Naming and Constructing Geometric Figures." In this unit, students will learn to use geometry tools (compasses for example) and will classify quadrangles while exploring and identifying polygons.

Educational Links: Thanks Mrs. Stone:)

- [Everyday Math](#)
- [Brain Teasers](#)
- [Money Practice](#)
- [Direction Practice Fun](#)
- [Practice Multiplication Facts](#)
- [Spelling Practice](#)
- ["Place the State" Map Practice](#)
- [Decimal Practice](#)
- [Time](#)
- [Order of Operations](#)
- [Cursive Handwriting Practice](#)
- [Geography: Altapedia](#)
- [Geography: Factmonster.com](#)
- [Geography: Enchanted Learning.com](#)
- [Geography: National Geographic.com](#)
- [Native American site \(Thanksgiving\)](#)
- [Lenape Site 1](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions About the Lenape](#)
- [Lenape Site 2](#)
- [Info about Various Tribes](#)
- [Homeschoolmath.net](#)