

XCS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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Principal: Jennifer Statzer

2018-2019 IMPORTANT DATES

August 16.....Open House
August 20First day for students
September 3.....Labor Day – No School
September 20.....Interim Reports home
September 21....Teachers' Work Day –
No School
October 18.....End of 1st Grading Period
October 19.....Teachers' Work Day –
No School
November 16.....Interim Reports home
November 19.....K-12 Parent-Teacher
Conference Day –
No School
Nov. 20-23.....Thanksgiving Break –
No School
December 21....End of 2nd Grading Period
Dec. 24-Jan. 4...Winter Break – No School
January 7.....Return from Winter Break
January 21.....Dr. M.L. King Day –
No School
February 1.....Teachers' Work Day –
No School
February 14.....Interim Reports home
February 15.....Teachers' Work Day –
No School (XHS in Session)
February 18.....Presidents' Day – No School
March 22.....End of 3rd Grading Period
March 25-29.....Spring Break – No School
April 19.....Good Friday—No School
May 3.....Interim Reports Go home
May 17.....Teachers' Work Day –
No School
May 23.....Last Day for Seniors
May 29.....High School Graduation
May 30.....End of 4th Grading Period –
Students' Last Day of School
May 31.....Teacher Work Day



A Family Guide To Student Success 4th Grade

This guide provides an overview of important information to help you and your child have a successful Fourth Grade year!*



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ACADEMIC STANDARDS set clear and consistent expectations for students, parents, and teachers; build your child's knowledge and skills; and set high goals for all students. This guide includes...

- Key things your child will learn in English/Literacy and Mathematics
- Suggestions for you to help your child
- Topics to discuss with your child's teacher .

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD BE SUCCESSFUL IN FOURTH GRADE?

- Urge your child to use logical arguments to defend his or her opinion.
- Pick one story in the news, read it together, and discuss with your child what it means.
- Keep books, magazines, and newspapers at home. Make sure your child sees you reading.
- Ask your child to help you compare fractional amounts (e.g., if one recipe calls for $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cup of oil, but another recipe calls for $\frac{2}{3}$ of a cup of oil, which recipe calls for more oil?).
- Quickly and accurately recall addition/subtraction facts to 20 and multiplication/division facts to 12's.

GET INVOLVED AT SCHOOL by volunteering, attending PTO meetings and family night events, and talking to your child's teacher about ways you can help!

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION WHEN TALKING TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER:

- Comprehending a range of grade-level stories, poems, and informational texts.
- Building understanding of relationships between words and differences in word meanings – *synonyms, antonyms, idioms.*
- Addition/subtraction and multiplication/division facts.
- Doing arithmetic and solving word problems with multidigit numbers.
- Doing arithmetic and solving word problems with fractions.
- Ask to see samples of your child's work.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS & LITERACY

Building the stamina and skills to read challenging fiction, nonfiction, and other materials are fundamental in 4th grade. Your child will also be writing effective summaries, book reports, and descriptions of characters or events that contain correct grammar and punctuation.

A SAMPLE OF WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL LEARN...

- Describing the basic elements of stories – e.g., characters, events, and settings – by using specific details from the text.
- Paying close attention to key features of informational books and articles – understanding the main idea and supporting details; comparing and contrasting information; explaining how the author uses facts, details, and evidence to support particular points.
- Comparing ideas, characters, events, and settings in stories and myths from different cultures
- Writing summaries or opinions about topics supported with well-organized facts, details, and examples.
- Independently conducting short research projects on different topics using evidence from books and the Internet.



SOCIAL STUDIES – Developing an understanding of Ohio and United States history, government, geography, and economics is the primary focus of 4th grade social studies. Students will learn to construct and analyze timelines, interpret primary and secondary sources, study interactions among groups of people that result in both cooperation and conflict, and learn how our country achieved its independence.

MATHEMATICS

One of the main areas studied in 4th grade is arithmetic and applying it to solve problems. Your child will also build knowledge and skills with fractions to prepare for mastering this topic in 5th and 6th grades.



A SAMPLE OF WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL LEARN...

- Using whole-number arithmetic to solve multi-step word problems, including problems with remainders and problems with measurements
- Adding/subtracting whole numbers quickly and accurately
- Multiplying/dividing multi-digit numbers in simple cases (e.g., 1638×7 or 24×17 , and dividing 6,966 by 6)
- Understanding equivalent fractions (e.g., $\frac{1}{4}$ is less than $\frac{3}{8}$ because $\frac{2}{8}$ is less than $\frac{3}{8}$)
- Adding/subtracting/multiplying fractions in simple cases (e.g., $2 \frac{3}{4} - 1 \frac{1}{4}$ or $3 \times \frac{5}{8}$), and solving related word problems
- Understanding simple decimals in terms of fractions (e.g., rewriting 0.62 as $\frac{62}{100}$)

TECHNOLOGY – To build keyboarding, research, and design skills and to prepare our students for STEM opportunities at Warner Middle School, our students receive instruction in weekly Digital Literacy (DL) classes throughout the school year. Topics addressed in DL classes include Creativity and Innovation, Communication and Collaboration, Research and Information Fluency, Critical Thinking/Problem Solving/Decision Making, Digital Citizenship, and Technology Operations and Concepts. Students use Chrome Books and related technology to complete class assignments in all subject and content areas. In addition, students learn to create original works, use software programs for problem solving and decision making, and program "robots" using kid-friendly block code.

