



4TH GRADE INFORMATION

2023-2024

MRS. TAYLOR

GRADE 4





Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to 4th grade! I am pleased to introduce myself to you. My name is Monica Taylor, and I am SO EXCITED to be your child's new teacher. This is my 22nd year of teaching fourth grade at Todd Lane Elementary. I am looking forward to building a collaborative relationship with you in order to have an exciting and productive year. The rest of this letter is divided into general categories that will summarize some of the major areas of interest in my fourth-grade classroom.

Home/School Communication

Good communication between home and school is essential in order to promote a healthy relationship between all of us. Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions, comments, concerns, or information regarding your child. There are several options for communication:

***Email:** mtaylor@centralvalleysd.net

I check my email in the morning and as often as I can throughout the day. I will return emails as soon as possible. Emails are generally the quickest way to communicate.

***Phone:** (724) 775-1050

You can leave a voicemail for me at any time during the school day. If you leave a message after school hours, I will return your call the next school day.

Subjects

I will be teaching your child Math, Science, and Social Studies. Mrs. Mumaw will be teaching your child ELA. If you have any questions regarding any subjects taught by Mrs. Mumaw, please contact her directly at jmumaw@centralvalleysd.net. Please be sure to check both of our websites for important information.

Homework

The fourth-grade teachers feel that homework is an integral part of the school curriculum. It serves as an important link between school and home to keep families informed about the student's learning, as well as reinforcing and extending what has been taught in the classroom. Mrs. Mumaw or I will always explain the homework assignment in advance and give expectations of completion when necessary. Expect your child to have homework nightly. Mrs. Mumaw and I both post our homework on the board each day. **(SEE ATTACHED HOMEWORK POLICY)**

Classroom and School Rules

My expectations for classroom conduct and academic standards are very high. With your participation in and out of the classroom, we can all look forward to a productive, creative, and enjoyable year together.

BE READY

BE RESPECTFUL

BE RESPONSIBLE

Thank you for sharing your child with me this year! I am confident that 4th grade will be a great year for all of us!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Taylor

Homework Policy

As stated in my letter, homework is an essential part of your child's learning. Assignments vary in accordance with the needs of the class and will relate to classroom instruction. Homework assignments are intended to reinforce and extend learning initiated in the classroom and serve as a tool for teachers to assess student understanding of classroom instruction. Completion of routine homework can motivate students to develop good work habits while increasing the opportunity for individual initiative and responsibility. Homework can also stimulate creativity, critical thinking, and awareness that learning can occur outside the classroom.

The Central Valley School District recommends a minimum of 40 minutes of nightly homework for fourth graders. The 40 minutes of homework can include a variety of assignments such as, but not limited to:

- Written assignments
- Independent reading
- Math fact practice
- Spelling word review
- Review of study guides/studying for tests
- Projects and reports
- Web-Based academic activities

Thank you in advance for your support!

Mrs. Taylor



KEEP
CALM
AND
DO YOUR
HOMEWORK

Encore Special Schedule

Day A: Physical Education

DAY B: Library

DAY C: Art

DAY D: Tech Ed

DAY E: Music

LUNCH: 11:50 - 12:20



SUPPLIES FOR FOURTH GRADE

- **Small pencil box or bag** to allow students to switch classrooms with ease.
- Dry erase markers.
- Pencils
- A folder labeled on the left side: Return to School
- And on the right side: Keep at Home
- A pair of inexpensive **EARBUDS/HEADPHONES** for their school iPad.

Additional items that are completely optional: (These are available in the classroom in limited quantities for student use throughout the year)

- Pencils
- Erasers
- Markers/Crayons
 - Scissors
- Highlighters
- Glue stick

ITEMS ALWAYS NEEDED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

KLEENEX/TISSUES

DISINFECTING WIPES
HAND SOAP
PAPER TOWELS

