



Parent Update

4th Grade

August 26, 2019

WHAT'S NEW! Students now know their routines and procedures. We have started using our agendas daily. Please check them for homework assignments, missing assignments or messages from teachers. Check in with your student for any questions you may have about the ins and outs of 4th grade. Should you still need information, we would be happy to help you. Please email your student's homeroom teacher and the content area teacher if needed. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

- Fall Parent- Teacher Conferences are this week on August 28th and 29th. Appointment times via SignUp.com have begun. All teachers have sent the link for your child's homeroom sign-up either through email or Infinite Campus Messages. IF you feel the need to conference with another one of your child's teachers, please contact them directly via email to schedule an appointment.
- Both **Wednesday, Aug. 28th and Thursday, August 29th are early release days.** School will dismiss at **11:30** both days.
- Our Haley Book Fair has begun (Aug. 23-30). If you can volunteer, please click on the link to sign up for a time. We greatly appreciate your assistance with this wonderful event! [Scholastic Book Fair](#)
- Since you have a 4th grader, you can sign up for **free admission** into ANY National Park! Start planning those trips! <https://www.everykidinapark.gov/get-your-pass>
- PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, **DO NOT** remove papers from your child's folder, with the exception of those in the very back, **Leave at Home** pocket. Several students do not have materials they need in class when packets or worksheets we are in the progress of completing are removed.
- Both Think Central (the reading book) and ConnectEd(math book) are online now.
- **Infinite Campus is ready to accept fieldtrip fees. We are planning our first fieldtrip, so please be sure to log in so we have sufficient funds. Thank you for your assistance with this.**

What's Happening in our classes?

Reading: Students will read and analyze the story in the Journeys textbook, **Stormalong**

This week's read objectives are:

To analyze the text to

- Understand character

Vocabulary:

bellowing a very loud utterance (like the sound of an animal)	reputation the general estimation that the public has for a person	outcast a person who is rejected (from society or home)
betray deliver to an enemy by treachery	unfathomable impossible to come to understand	
escapade any carefree episode	wither lose freshness, vigor, or vitality	

Language Arts:

- Capitalization: titles, languages, names, historical events, documents, etc.
- Review writing quotations

Spelling: Homophones (words that sound exactly the same, but have completely different meanings.)

Spelling week # 6				
wait	days	peak	scent	vane
weight	daze	peek	feet	vein
heard	heel	sent	feat	miner
herd	heal	cent	vain	minor
Challenge Words				
raise	raze	rays	principal	principle

Math: In math we will be doing Mad Minutes of basic facts. We will learn the Properties of addition and the rules of subtraction. We will work on estimating and evaluating sums and differences. We are learning new strategies to add and subtract larger numbers.

Social Sciences: In our unit for the next 6 weeks, we will focus on Mesoamerican Civilizations. We will learn about the geography of the Americas, and **the adaptation of living things** (humans, plants and animals) in those environments. The objectives are to understand and apply geographical terms when discussing the geography, as well as human vs. environmental elements.

Dear Parents and Families:



Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Book Fair dates: August 23-30

Shopping hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Special activities: Early Release Conference Days

Wednesday, August 28 until 4:00 p.m. and Thursday, August 29 until 6:00 p.m. On Friday, August 30 the book fair closes at 3:00 p.m.

NEW this year is eWallets for parents to put money on your child's account. Please look for the eWallet link and the volunteer link on the Library webpage. I look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Horn
Media Specialist



How to sign up for E-ALERTS <http://www.chandler.k12.az.us/register> (be sure to subscribe to Fourth Grade Team)

Please note: When you are trying to access our teacher pages on the Haley website for information, you may need to scroll down the page.

Coming Events:

Aug 23-Aug 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bookfair	Library/media Center
Aug. 27 9:00am	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art Masterpiece Training for Volunteers	Staffateria
Aug. 28 & Aug. 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Teacher Conferences (Early Release both days)	In classrooms

Class Room Donations Needed:

Community supply of healthy snacks. **NO NUTS for snacks in the 4th grade**, please! We have several students with severe allergies. Please help us maintain a safe environment for all of our students! Thank you!

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us,

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A note from the principal~

PARENTS wanting to eat lunch with your child during the school year:

Children love to have their parents bring them a special lunch from time to time. Unfortunately, our current challenge is seating space during our busy lunch schedule. We are asking for your support this year to help us with our seating challenge during lunch.

Some alternatives to consider:

- 1) You are welcome to check your child out for lunch- remember they only have 40 minutes for their lunch period. 20 minutes on the playground and 20 minutes in the cafeteria.
- 2) You are welcome to drop off your child a special lunch or stay and stand behind or to the side of the lunch table.

Unfortunately, we will not have a guest table this year. All tables will be used this year due to having additional sections of 3rd and 5th grade. We sure do appreciate your understanding and cooperation! Once the new school opens next year, we should see some of space freed up so parent visits at lunchtime would be back in full swing.

Birthdays

Birthday parties are an important part of each child's life. However, student birthday parties are not held at school. This policy helps to ensure that instructional time is protected and that all children are treated equally.

The school and teacher have a variety of ways for recognizing students' birthdays that do not interfere with instruction and that do not create inequities for children.

Food is often a part of school celebrations. When planning snacks for school celebrations, remember that state law requires that **no home-cooked food** be distributed to students during school hours. This practice is intended to protect students from the spread of communicable disease. Additionally, students will not be permitted to deliver treats, etc., to other classrooms to minimize disruptions. Thank you for your understanding and support.