

Let's Communicate....

We encourage you to contact the teacher immediately with any questions or concerns about your child so that we may work together to provide the best learning experience possible.



Ways to contact your child's teacher.....

Phone calls
to school



E-mail

Notes



Ways to help your child become a successful learner



Read with your child daily and discuss the book.



Model reading to your child.



Read out loud to you at least 20 minutes a day.



Set aside a time and place for your child to do his/her work.



Guide your child as he/she completes assignments.



Check your child's homework folder nightly.



The Mission of the Horseheads Central School Community is to provide a quality education for all within a nurturing environment which promotes excellence, growth, and a sense of civic responsibility.

Welcome to Fourth Grade



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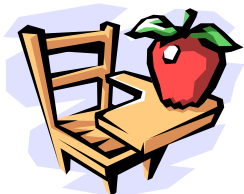


Let us introduce you to 4th Grade.

This brochure was designed to inform parents of the expectations for their child's grade level.

Each teacher has his/her own style of teaching; however, the curriculum is guided by new national Common Core Standards.

Fourth grade is a transitional year, as students are required to be more responsible for their learning, begin to take routine tests and quizzes, and prepare for state tests.



CURRICULUM

• Math - Go Math

Math - Our program emphasizes Common Core Standards. There is a focus on division and decimals as well as problem solving.

• English Language Arts (ELA)

Writing - Students will write for a variety of purposes (**fiction and nonfiction**). Correct grammar, punctuation and spelling will be emphasized.

Reading - Treasures -(a reading program which covers a variety of fiction and nonfiction topics)

1. Literature Circles (each student has a role while reading a particular piece)
2. Shared Reading (the entire class reads the same story)
3. Read Aloud (teacher reads to the class)
4. Partner Reading (students are paired up to read to each other)
5. Independent Reading (students read books of their choice on their own reading level)

• **Science** - Mini labs created by BOCES as well as teacher-designed units - units include: Life Science - Plants, Animals, Ecosystems, Earth Science - Water, Weather, Earth/Moon/Sun, Physical Science - Energy, Matter

• **Social Studies** - units include: NYS Geography and History, Prehistory, Native Americans, Explorers, Colonial NY, American Revolution, New Nation of NY, Transportation, Urbanization, Immigration, Labor Movement, National, State, Local Government.

FAQ's



HOMEWORK

- * **How will I know what homework my child has each night?**
- Every student will have a student planner to record homework assignments.
- * **How often should I expect my child to have homework assignments?**
- On a daily basis: Monday – Thursday with occasional projects over the weekend



NY STATE TESTING

- **What state tests will my child be taking?**
- ELA
- Math
- Science

- April

RECESS - April

/ STUDY - May/June

HALL

- * **Will my child have recess everyday?**
- Every child will have recess on Monday - Friday. If school work is not completed or if a student misbehaves he/she may be required to stay in for part of the recess.

