

August 10, 2009

Dear Fourth Grade Parents,

We are looking forward to the new school year and working with you and your child. As the first week of school begins, there are several things that we would like to bring to your attention to make the school year as smooth as possible.

- 1) **BEING PROMPT** Students who arrive at school late or just as the bell is ringing are at a disadvantage. Please have your child at school no later than 7:45.
- 2) **EXCESSIVE ABSENCES/TARDIES** Please review the information concerning attendance in the Student Policy Handbook.
- 3) **ABSENTEE WORK/MAKE-UP WORK** Students will be given 3 days to make up missed work. If the student is absent only the day the test was given, the student is responsible for taking the test the day he/she returns to school. A zero will be given if the work is not completed.
- 4) **SUBJECTS:** (See 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Learning Objectives folder)

**A. READING**

The fourth grade reading program will focus on comprehension, fluency, and vocabulary development.

Trimester grade based on:

- Written (teacher-made) tests
- AR (Accelerated Reader) tests (on required reading in class)
- AV (Accelerated Vocabulary) tests (on required reading in class)
- Literacy Skills tests (on required reading in class)
- Harcourt textbook tests: Vocabulary and Comprehension Tests
- Vocabulary
- Projects

**B. ALABAMA HISTORY**

Trimester grade based on:

- Weekly tests
- Project (construct an Indian house)
- Activities:
  - Field trip to state capital in Montgomery
  - Veterans' Program

**C. SCIENCE**

Trimester grade based on:

- Projects and lab work
- Science Journal
- Quizzes
- Tests
- Field Trip Activities:
  - Water Festival at Wallace

**D. HANDWRITING**

Trimester grade based on penmanship:

- E - Excellent
- G - Good
- S - Satisfactory
- N - Needs Improvement
- U - Unsatisfactory

**E. ENGLISH**

Trimester grade based on:

- Quizzes
- Daily Oral Language Tests
- Writing Assignments

**F. MATH**

Trimester grade based on:

- Homework
- Math Journal
- Timed Fact Tests
- Quizzes
- Unit Tests