

Maxwell AFB Dependents' School
Fourth Grade

Welcome to fourth grade!

Goals for the year:

- To grow as a responsible student
- To increase knowledge
- To increase organizational skills
- To work independently
- To work cooperatively in groups
- To use resources for learning

Academic Requirements:

Grades are gathered from a variety of assessment instruments including:

- Oral and written presentations
- Tests
- Teacher observations
- Individual work
- Group work

Grades are on the following scale:

90-100 = A

80-89 = B

70-79 = C

60-69 = D

Below 60 = F

Attendance:

- School begins at 7:55 a.m.
- Children are considered tardy after 8:00 a.m.
- Children arriving after 8:00 a.m. must be checked in at the entrance desk (Hanley Street).
- If the student is absent, please send a note when he/she returns to school.
- If possible, please give prior notice if a student is to check out before the end of the day.
- Perfect attendance requirements are addressed in the parent handbook. (All day, every day).

Cafeteria:

- Remind students to pay for lunch after checking into the classroom.
- Commercial fast food and carbonated beverages are not allowed in the cafeteria.

Materials:

- The students should have a 3-ring binder with one and one-half to two inch metal rings.
- The binder should be arranged as specified on the instruction sheet.
- All written work is kept in the appropriate section of the binder.
- Only wide ruled loose leaf notebook paper should be used.
- Students are expected to maintain an assignment notebook for recording assignments.
- Notes from the parent to teacher/school and teacher/school to parent are kept in the protector pocket labeled "notes" in the binder. E-mail will also be used for communication.
- Please encourage your child to use the binder properly. Its function is to improve organizational skills for the student.
- Please check regularly to see that your child has all necessary school supplies. We have a place for all extra supplies in the room.

Weekly Folders:

- Folders will be sent home on Wednesdays each week.
- The folder will contain graded work from the prior week. Each student is responsible for bringing the folder home so that you can review the work with them.
- Please sign any papers that fall below 70%. Sign and date the cover sheet and folder.
- Folders are returned on Thursday.

Social Studies/Science:

- These subjects are studied alternately.

Web Sites:

- Here is a list of websites that are available and have been used in the past for additional help to students.
- www.aplus.com
- www.refdesk.com/homework.html
- www.homeworkspot.com
- www.yahooligans.com
- www.kidsinfo.com/SchoolSubjects.html
- www.factmonster.com
- www.kidbibs.com

Classroom Newsletter:

- A weekly update of our classroom activities will be e-mailed to you. It will contain information about objectives for the week and important reminders.

Please let us know if you have any questions or if we can help you in any way. We are excited about the potential evidenced in our classrooms and look forward to working with your child.

Sincerely,
Fourth Grade Teachers