

## Daily Schedule for 4th Grade

7.50: Breakfast

8.22: First Bell (line up on playground)

8.30: Tardy Bell (check in at office before coming to class if this bell has rung)

10.30-10.45: Morning Recess

12.00-12.45: Lunch and Recess

2.15-2.30: Afternoon Recess

3.30: Dismissal\*

\* Early Out (2.30) every Thursday!

4V Specials

4B Specials

Monday: Library

Monday: PE

Tuesday: Music

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Wednesday: PE

Wednesday: Music

Thursday: Music

Thursday: PE

Friday: PE

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\* PE shoes required! A pair may be left at school in locker if that helps.

ALL SPECIALS FROM 9.45-10.30

## Spanish Exposure

As a language focus school, we are lucky to be able to offer your student 30 minutes of Spanish language exposure each week. This will be taught by our wonderful language teacher, Miranda Mosis, each Thursday. 4B will experience the language from 1.00-1.30 and 4V will follow from 1.30-2.00.

## Agendas

Please check in with your student after school each day. If we have a special note to you...or, if you need to leave us one, this is a great place to do so. Even if it is just following up on homework or school projects, it is important that you initial the day's column and we will do the same.

## Reading at Home

It is important that our student's reading does not stop once they get home. We hope that they are given the chance to read at least 20 minutes each day. This can be done independently, or along with you!

## Visiting Naturalist Program

We are so lucky to be a part of the Visiting Naturalist Program in the Schools. This is a high quality science year-long program offered by the Montana Natural History Museum. Our fourth-graders will explore birds, adaptation, plants and all the wonderful wildlife unique to Montana through monthly visits as well as two fieldtrips.

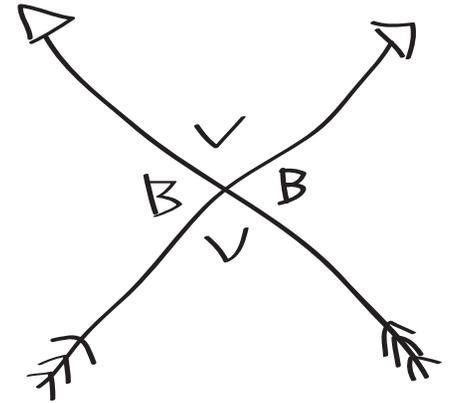
Here's to a great year with you and your student...

Cheers!

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# Welcome to 4th Grade!

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## Work in Progress

Every student will get a work in progress folder. We really like these because they are a great means of school-home communication. To keep it all running as smoothly as possible here are some instructions to follow:



Have your child show you his/her Agenda Book each evening and read any messages or homework to do's.



Look in the folder for any work in progress or homework that needs to be completed.



Support your child's efforts to bring the folder with work to and from school each day!

## Thursday Envelope

Each Thursday, your student will bring home a Thursday Envelope. Inside you will find student work from the previous week, PCA and school notices, as well as community announcements. Please review the work with your child. It is so very appreciated that you return the empty envelope each Friday so that we can continue to reuse it each week! Thank you for your help!

## Switch it Up

We will be treating the entire fourth grade group as ONE class. This means, that your student will spend equal time on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays with each fourth grade teacher. This allows for our own specialization in teaching the subjects that we are most passionate about. It also allows us to share ALL your wonderful learners! It also means that any emails received or sent will be shared with or from the both of us. Find our contacts on the front of the brochure, if needed.

Thursdays will be spent with homerooms enjoying project-based learning and fun stuff like the naturalist, birthdays, kindergarten and first grade buddy visits and catch up work.

## Homework

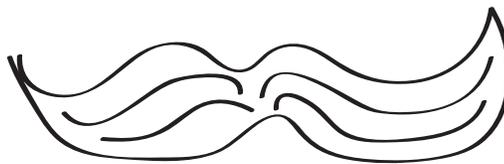
Your children work so hard during the day that there should be time after school for sports, art, music and just being a kid! However, we are working together to build global citizens who are responsible with their time and actions. So...with the collective sigh from fourth graders everywhere...yes, there will be homework! Below is a list of routine homework assignments:

1. Read for ENJOYMENT for at least 20 minutes (we don't like involving time when it relates to reading, but we have to start somewhere).
2. Math Work...in 4th grade, we bump up the workload!

It is not our intention to create an added burden or overly pressured study situation for you or your student. Setting up a daily homework routine and keeping that balance of work and play will be one of the most important lessons that our students can learn!

## Toys

NO TOYS ARE PERMITTED AT SCHOOL! Enter (again) the reluctant sigh of fourth graders everywhere...Any toys brought to school will be added to our growing collection of rubber balls, plastic dinosaurs, and fake facial hair. This includes outdoor equipment such as balls or jump ropes. We have a ton of recess equipment already available here at Paxson. Again, we are grateful to you for help with this and every other matter!



## Book Talks

Each fourth grader will be responsible for giving three book talks PER trimester...for a grand total of 9 book talks per year. There will be a few reminders and prompts here at school. However, as we know, fourth grade is such an important year to foster and grow in our self-sufficiency. You can help at home by asking your reader about the books they are working on. Do they love them or just like them? Could they see completing a meaningful talk on them to an audience of their peers? What sorts of supports can we, as the adults in their lives, provide to make it happen?

## Birthdays

We recognize how important each child's special day is! We get so busy with learning and have so much to cover this year that we have to set up some birthday parameters in advance:

All fourth grade classrooms will have a "Birthday Thursday" that will be on the first Thursday of every month where all students with birthdays that month will be honored. We will have a "Birthday Thursday" specialist who you will be able to contact when your fourth grader is gaining a year!

Please keep mess in mind. Thirty littles can make quite a mess...also, birthday treats MUST comply with our allergy guidelines. So, when in doubt, leave it out...or contact one of us.

School policy asks that you do not distribute birthday invitations at school...even if the whole class is invited. Instead, consult the PCA school directory for addresses!