

# WELCOME TO 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE!

I think we can all agree that we are heading into quite an interesting year! Ordinarily, when it comes to classroom supplies, our fourth-grade team is **VERY** big on community and sharing. In the past, we have always asked parents and students to supply what they can in terms of pencils, markers, glue sticks - all of those traditional school things - and we use as much as we can in a community fashion. Sharing. It's a life skill we feel is extremely important for kids to learn. Unfortunately, we can't really share supplies this year, so we have created a new list of individual supplies that will help our fourth graders complete the fourth-grade work and projects to the best of their ability. Additionally, any extra supply donations would absolutely be welcomed by us with open arms - we will gladly sanitize and distribute them!

- **\*Headphones or earbuds\*** - we **STRONGLY** encourage each student to have their own headphones; this will help them immensely in the classroom!
- **\*Stylus pen for iPads\*** - we write and highlight a lot on our iPads, so having a stylus makes this **MUCH** easier for students!
- **3 boxes of pencils (the number of pencils used depends on the student-this is an average based on previous years)** - Ticonderoga pencils work the best (or any real wood pencil); pre-sharpened, if possible
- **1 hand-held pencil sharpener (with a cover for the shavings)** - there are very limited automatic pencil sharpeners in the classrooms, so a quality, hand-held sharpener is especially helpful when your lead breaks during class (or at home)
- **1 package of erasers** - hand-held erasers are helpful because many times the ones on the pencils are pretty small and they are used up before the pencil is used up
- **2 single-subject notebooks** - we supply the majority of the paper for students, but they will need a notebook for reading, math, and writing
- **1 package (or more) of dry erase markers** - these will be used for personal white boards in math class
- **1 box of tissues** - we will place these around the room for students to use.
- **1 - 2 glue sticks** - we use glue sticks a fair amount on various classroom projects
- **1 pencil bag with a zipper** - a pencil bag works **MUCH** better than a pencil box. They are smaller in size and kids are prone to dropping these. When pencil boxes drop, items scatter everywhere...bags seem to be much more secure.
- **Markers and/or colored pencils** - we use these quite a bit in the classroom (kids can use one or the other...or both!)
- **Scissors** - these are usually shared, but unfortunately this year kids will need their own
- **Bag/Backpack that is easy to carry around** - we trade classes in fourth grade and this year our students will be bringing their bag/backpack with their supplies to each of their three classes
- **Hand sanitizer** - the district is providing some hand sanitizer for each classroom, but a small personal hand sanitizer would be excellent

- **Clorox wipes** - we know these can be hard to find, so we will gladly accept **disinfectant spray** as well
- **Box of crayons** - OPS will supply a 24-crayon box, but if you want a larger selection, you can purchase a bigger box (these will be used in art class and the classroom)
- **Black Sharples** - will be used in art class (and sometimes in our regular classrooms)
- **Watercolor set** - will be used in art class
- **Multicolored pack of construction paper** - will be used in art class
- **Package of computer/printer paper** - this is a non-essential item, as Dundee does supply us with some paper each year...but it never ends up being enough and our school budget is razor thin, so we could certainly use a few paper donations!

We know there are more items on this list than a usual year here at Dundee...but these are interesting times and since we usually share so many things, we aren't used to kids having their "own" stuff in school! We appreciate anything you can do to help make this year as successful as possible - the three of us are really looking forward to teaching your kids in a unique and different way and we're looking forward to making the fourth-grade experience as fun, as cool, as entertaining (and as educational, of course) as possible!

## SEE YOU SOON!!

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