

# Welcome to Fourth Grade

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*C*reativity  
*is*  
INTELLIGENCE  
*Having FUN!*  
Albert Einstein

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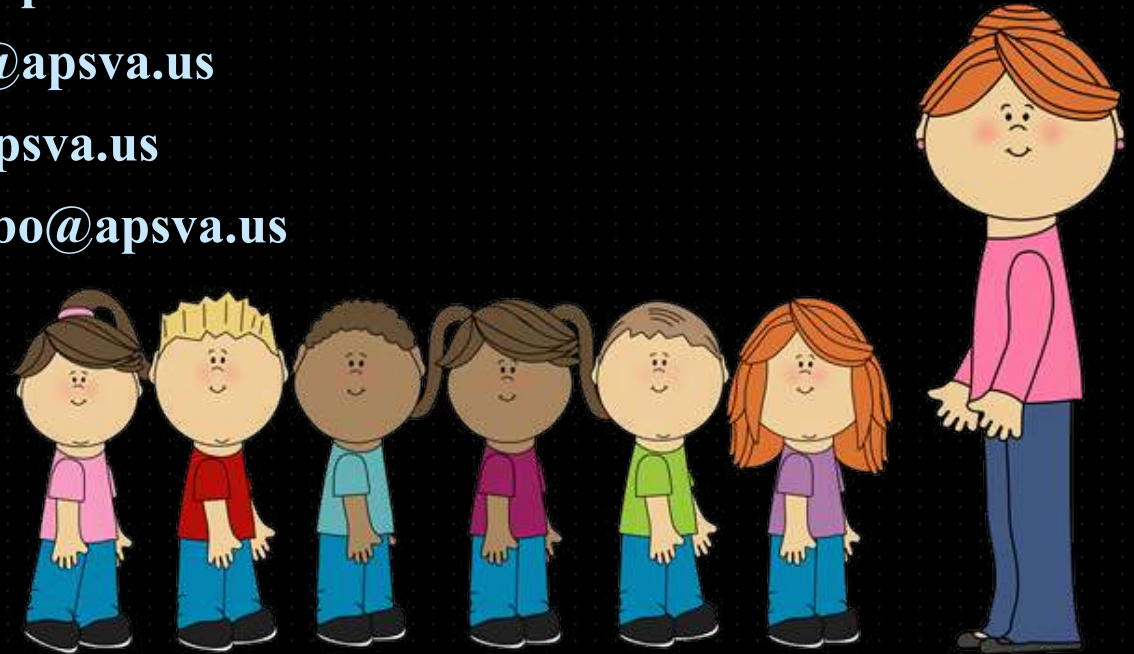
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# Classroom Management :

## • Responsive Classroom

- The social curriculum is as important as the academic curriculum. The two strengthen and support each other.
- Discussing and modeling behavior expectations
- Student input and choice
- Instructive rather than punitive

## • Classroom Rules

• **Consistent structure creates safe environment for exploration, creativity, growth, and fun**



When given the choice between being right and being kind, choose kind.

- Dr. Wayne Dyer



# 4th Grade Responsibilities:

- More responsibilities in fourth grade
- Self-Advocacy
- Daily homework
  - Homework folder and agenda
- Balance of leadership within the school
  - Tech Crew, Safety Patrols
- Instrumental Music:
  - Missing and making up classwork



# Homework

- ✓ Homework Folder travels to and from school everyday
- ✓ A Reading Response Notebook goes home Monday to be returned the next Monday
- ✓ Math Homework goes home nightly (Monday-Thursday) and is returned the following day



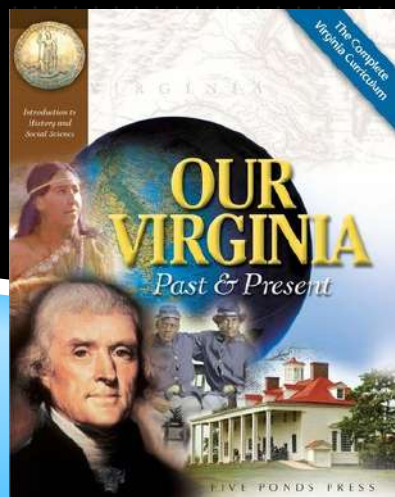
# SOCIAL STUDIES



- Unit Tests – STUDY!
- Projects throughout the year
- SOL test at the end of the year
- Access text book online
- Use SOL parent news

## Topics of Study:

- ▶ VA Geography and Early Inhabitants
- ▶ First Permanent English Settlement
- ▶ Colonial Virginia
- ▶ American Revolution
- ▶ Virginia and the New Nation
- ▶ Virginia and the Civil War
- ▶ Reconstruction of Virginia
- ▶ Virginia and the 20<sup>th</sup> Century
- ▶ Government and Economics



**WEEK 1** Welcome to Virginia

**Virginia Studies Weekly**

**Welcome to Virginia—a State Where Dreams Come True!**

History, an essential part of our nation's identity, is the story of our people. It is the story of the people who have lived in this state since the first settlers arrived in 1607. It is the story of the people who have built this state into the great nation we know today. It is the story of the people who have made this state a place where dreams come true.

**Common Core Philanthropy and Values**

It's a joy of helping that people before and after. It's a joy of helping that people before and after. It's a joy of helping that people before and after.

**See 19 food kits to college!**





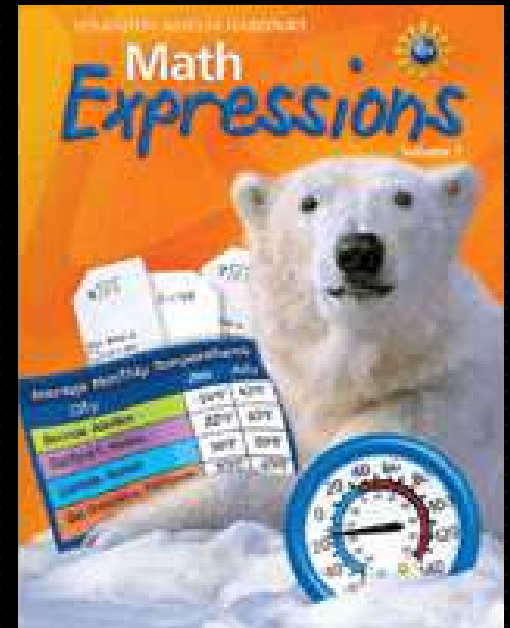
# Science:

- ▶ Natural Resources, Earth and Space, Force and Motion, Electricity, Living Systems
- ▶ Investigation Station
- ▶ Science City
- ▶ Inquiry Based
- ▶ Scientific Method
- ▶ ***Fourth grade does not take a Science SOL***





- “Math Expressions” Curriculum
  - Available on Blackboard
- Problem Solving
- **Units:** Multi-digit Multiplication, Division, Fractions, Word Problems, Decimals, Geometry, Measurement
- Reflex Math, Moby Max
- Math Talk
- SOL test at the end of the year







- ▶ Reading in ALL subject areas
- ▶ Reading Response Notebook: Students should be reading at home every day
- ▶ Read Aloud
- ▶ Independent Reading Time (WEB)
  - ▶ Foster a love of reading
- ▶ Guided Reading:
  - ▶ Instruction at DRA reading level
  - ▶ Small group novel study
    - ▶ Focus on a different genre each quarter
    - ▶ Book discussions and comprehension activities





## ▶ **Writer's Workshop:**

- ▶ teaches the process (4th graders are expected to extend their thinking and write 4 complete paragraphs with details)

## ▶ **Writing Prompts**

## ▶ **Cross Curricular Writing**

## ▶ **Word Study (completed in class)**

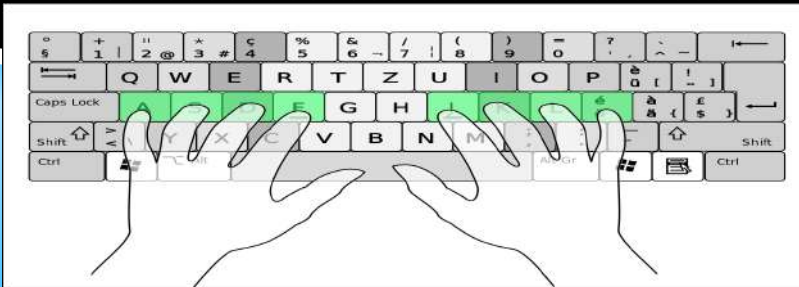
## ▶ **Daily Language Review**

## ▶ **Cursive**

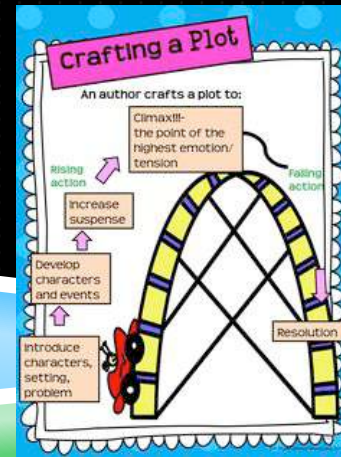
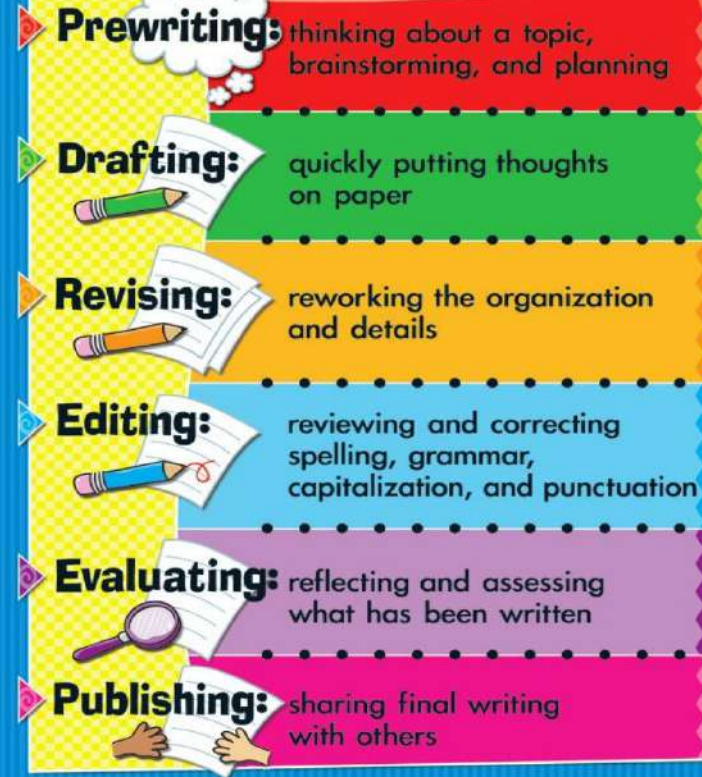
- ▶ reviewed and used throughout the year

## ▶ **Typing**

- ▶ Students type much of their work



# The Writing Process



**Math Language Review**

**Wednesday** 🏠

Correct these sentences.

- she bought apples carrah and cereal
- mary she is going to be late for the lesson

Complete this analogy.

3. fire : hot :: ice :

Which word is spelled correctly?

- frand friend friend friend
- hapiess happines happeness happines

**Daily Language Review**

**Thursday** 🏠

Which word is spelled correctly?

- wanted whanted wanted wantd

Correct these sentences.

- my dad tolak my sisters bike to be fixed
- he knowed what his homework was

Where does each question probably take place?

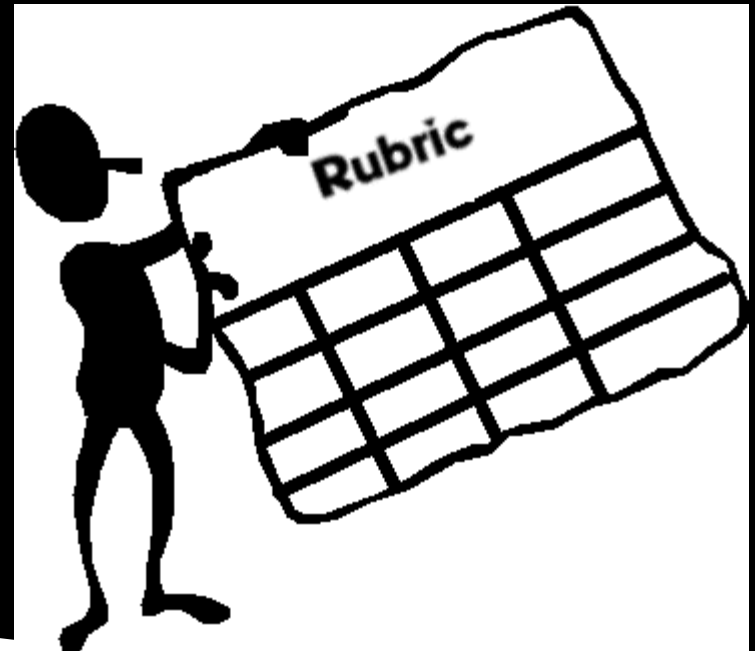
- "Julia, may I borrow your eraser?"
- "Swimmers take your mark, set, GO!"

# Grades:

- **Interim Reports:** grades will be sent home with students mid-quarter. Please sign and return these.
- **Report Cards:** Quarterly grades will be sent home with comments at the end of the quarter.
- **Grades:** Grades are based on final unit tests, quizzes, projects, class work, and homework completion.
  - Weighting:
    - Test: 100 Point
    - Quiz: 50 Points
    - Class work : 25
    - Homework: 10

Points

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# Communication:

- ▶ Call the office for last minute dismissal changes
- ▶ Inform the office of absences
  
- ▶ Weekly 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Update:
  - ▶ Look out for an e-mail from Ms. Zumbo each week: important dates and topics to discuss with your student
- ▶ Check the website for updates on our units of study and other information
- ▶ Conferences:
  - ▶ Look out for an e-mail to sign up for a slot



## Parent Support:

- Room Parents
- Field Trips
- School-wide events
- Math Day, Colonial Day, Outside the Box Day, Science and Tech Night
- PTA
- Volunteer Spot: Sign up

## Field Trips:

### Historic Alexandria:

A half day trip to explore historical Alexandria

### Lincoln's Cottage:

A half day trip to President Lincoln's Cottage

### Jamestown trip:

Full day trip to the Jamestown settlement



field trip



# Expenses:

- ▶ Fourth Grade Dues:
- ▶ Jamestown Bus: \$43
- ▶ Jamestown Admission: \$8
- ▶ Lincoln's Cottage: \$5
- ▶ Old Town Alexandria Historic Sites: \$6
- ▶ Virginia Weekly: \$8
- ▶ Colonial Day Supplies: \$3
- ▶ Jamestown/Yorktown Visitors: \$2
- ▶ Total: \$75
- ▶ *Please make checks payable to Arlington Science Focus School. Thank you!*





# Online Resources

▶ <http://www.apsva.us/domain/3178>

▶ ASFS Homepage → students → student links

- ▶ A variety of typing programs
- ▶ Reflex Math and Moby Max
- ▶ BrainPop
- ▶ SOL PASS
- ▶ Gizmos

▶ ASFS Homepage → Classroom tab → Grade 4 tab

- ▶ This includes information on how to access textbooks online



