



The Fourth Grade **Classroom** **Survival** **Guide**

**A student-parent tool that includes everything you need to know in order
for everyone to have a successful school year 😊**

Please sign this bottom half and return to school with your child.

**I have read and understand The Fourth Grade Survival Guide. If I have any questions, I
can contact my child' s teacher at any time--- really, any time! 😊**

Student' s Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

First Things First...

In order to promote learning for ALL of our students we have designed policies in order to take actions which support the philosophy that ALL students can achieve at high levels and will be provided the opportunities and support to do so.

Therefore we have created four Wildly Important Goals. (WIGS)

1. Reading – All students will meet or exceed grade level benchmarks.
2. Math – All students will meet or exceed grade level benchmarks.
3. Leadership- All students, classrooms and parents will exhibit leadership through quarterly data meetings and community projects.
4. Parent Involvement –
 - a. All parents and teachers will be enrolled in our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) by Oct. 24th
 - b. All parents will attend their child' s quarterly data chat
 - c. All parents will not earn more than two unexcused tardies per quarter
 - d. All parents will not earn more than 2 unexcused absences per quarter.

Please know that each fourth grade teacher has an open door policy. You are always welcome to volunteer, drop by, and communicate any concern you may have. We know your child' s fourth grade year will be a wonderful one! Feel free to visit our 4th grade website (<http://www-ces.stjohns.k12.fl.us/teachers/grade4/>) for more information!

~The Fourth Grade Team

Tips for a Successful School Year

Success for your child in fourth grade can be easy by following these tips;

- Read with your child and **talk about the book**



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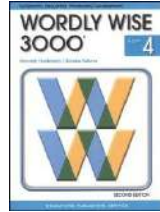
- Review your child' s homework **together**
 - Review and sign the planner
 - Monitor your child' s television, video game, and internet use
- Set an early bedtime,
 - set out clothing and prepare lunchbox and snacks the night before.
 - Have a happy morning

Homework:

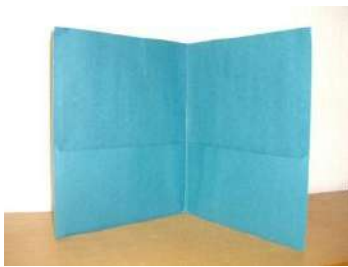
- Twenty minutes of A.R. Reading per night –Reading Log

Signature Required

- Spelling and math nightly -



Wednesday Folders:



- A blue weekly folder will be sent home with your child once a week requiring your signature.
- They include graded work and other important notes/ handouts.
- Please look through your child' s folder with them, and return it to school the Thursday.

Planners and Organizational Tools (binders):

- The Organizational Tool (binder) is a newly implemented part of our college readiness system called AVID. This is a very costly investment for John A. Crookshank students. Students are expected to maintain their O.T.s so that they will last for two years.



- The OT will go back and forth between home and school daily. If it is lost or ruined there is a replacement fee of \$20. Please help your child understand the

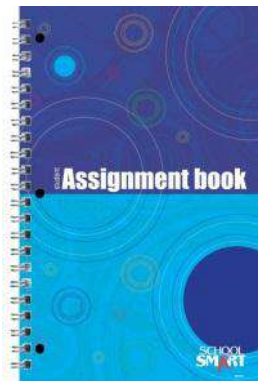


importance of taking care of their Organizational Tool.

- Inside the Organizational Tool our traditional planner will be kept. It requires your signature nightly.

- We fill in planners together during the school day.

- They are brought home every night, and should be returned the next day with a signature.



- In addition, use these to write notes to the teacher, as needed 😊

- We see this as a VERY IMPORTANT piece of our communication with you. Please make it a priority to check the planner daily. Write us notes in there too!

Attendance Notes:

Crookhank is making punctuality and attendance a HUGE priority this year.

Lost instructional time due to absences, tardies and early check out are one of the biggest factors in our students academic achievement. Please avoid, when possible, scheduling appointments during the school day.

Additionally, if your child is tardy, YOU MUST WALK THEM INTO THE FRONT OFFICE AND SIGN THEM IN. No child will be allowed in the building without an accompanying adult.

Please remember to handwrite or email a note for all absences to be turned into the registrar for determination of excused or unexcused.

Chaperoning Field

Trips/Volunteering:

- In order to chaperone or volunteer within the classroom, you **MUST** be an approved volunteer.



- Even if you have been an approved volunteer in the past, you must reapply every year. It takes several weeks to process, so please get your application completed and turned into the school ASAP. We want you here! ☺



Accelerated Reader/Accelerated Math

- **Accelerated Reader**: Your child should be reading *at least* 20 minutes
EVERY NIGHT.
 - Your child will be given an AR goal to work towards **every 9 weeks** based on their current reading level and 60 minutes per day of reading. Forty of those minutes take place at school, however 20 minutes at home is mandatory.
 - Students are allowed to take quizzes at home → your child's AR information on how to log in at home will be sent home with them at the start of the year.
 - Parents are strongly encouraged to sign up for the Accelerated Reader Home Connect email notification system. It will email you every time your child takes an AR test with the name of the book and the score they received

on the test. An informational letter will be sent home with your log in information soon.

- **Million Word Club!** → We encourage every child to strive for the Million Word Club, which is just that! Reading a million or more words by the end of the year! We will help your child keep track of how many words they have read throughout the school year.



Snacks/Water Bottle Policy:

- Your child is encouraged to bring in their own *healthy* snack. Healthy snacks include:

fruits/vegetables, granola bars,

pretzels/crackers/popcorn, string cheese, and dry cereal.



- Water bottles are encouraged to be sent in with your student to be kept on their desk (this decreases time spent at the water fountain.