

Welcome to 4th Grade

Dear Families,

We are so excited to officially welcome you to what we hope will be one of your very best and most memorable years at SMES, 4th grade! We can't wait to get to know you and welcome you to our team! We have compiled a list of procedures and routines to help acclimate you to 4th grade.

Daily Schedule

Arrival: 9:00-9:20 (late bell)
Specials: 1:40-2:25
Lunch: 12:40-1:10 Glass, Pritchard, Erb, Yaw 1:00-1:30 Rogers, Sadonis, Blair
Dismissal: 3:20

** for safety and security reasons please follow all arrival and dismissal procedures at all times. These will be in your take home folders and on the website under the arrival and dismissal button.

Specials Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Steam Academy	Music: Sadonis, Blair Art: Rogers PE: Glass, Pritchard, Erb, Yaw	Music: Rogers Art: Sadonis, Blair PE: Glass, Pritchard, Erb, Yaw

Thursday	Friday
Music: Erb, Yaw Art: Pritchard, Glass PE: Rogers, Sadonis, Blair	Music: Pritchard, Glass Art: Erb, Yaw PE: Rogers, Sadonis, Blair

Class Dojo- At Sanders, we would like to maintain a positive learning environment for your child. In order to encourage positive behavior, our class will be using Class Dojo to help build student's learning habits and boost classroom engagement. Class Dojo allows students, parents and teachers to track student behavior, learning skills and progress at school throughout the day!

If you are new to Sanders, you will receive a code to create a Dojo parent account. In the parent account, you can view your child's behavior on your phone, tablet or computer at anytime.

Class Dojo is a vital form of communication between school and home. We will be using this to send messages and share photos. All communication for 4th grade will be sent exclusively through Class Dojo. We will also send a monthly newsletter. This will give you information about what standards we are covering, the task, upcoming tests etc.

Throughout the task we will share important information about our week, upcoming events, field trips, celebrations etc.

Please be sure to sign up if you have not. This will ensure open communication and help to maintain a positive classroom environment! Please remember that teachers have **24 hours** to respond to a message.

Computers- Technology is an integral part of our curriculum and it is absolutely imperative that students have their devices in order to complete classwork. **All students must also have a pair of headphones or earbuds (we prefer plugin, NO BLUETOOTH).**

Differentiation- The fourth-grade team uses a variety of models to enrich and support students to meet their needs and identified services. Students will receive support through: team-teaching (movement throughout the pod), small groups, and push-in. Different models will be provided throughout the day and given based on the needs of the students in each subject area and topic.

Dismissal- Any changes in transportation will **only** occur through the parents **notifying the front office**. DOJO will not be utilized for transportation changes. All transportation changes need to be communicated to the front office by 3:00 pm. No changes will be allowed after 3:00 pm.

Field Trips- These are the field trips that we are anticipating. They are subject to change and we will communicate with you as soon as we have them finalized.

- Quarter 1 - Wild Florida (in house field trip, cost is TBD)
- Quarter 2- EMC (free field trip through district. No chaperones needed) and Diamond Del (In house field, the cost is approximately \$15).
- Quarter 3 - Tampa Bay History Center (cost for students is approximately \$20, chaperones limited to 2 per class)
- Quarter 4: St. Augustine 3/23 at a cost of about \$80 for students and about \$40 for chaperones.

YOU MUST BE AN APPROVED VOLUNTEER IN ORDER TO ATTEND FIELD TRIPS. Siblings are not permitted to attend our field trips.

Five Things SMES Asks of Our Parents:

1. If you feel that there is a problem with the teacher or the style of teaching, do not call The Administration. Call the teacher first and give her a chance to discuss the concerns with you.
2. If you need to talk to your teacher, send a note/email/Class Dojo message. The teacher will write you back to discuss or answer any question you may have within 24 hours. Do not show up at the classroom door unannounced for a conference.
3. Do not allow your child to be late or miss school for anything other than sickness or a death in the family. Allowing your child to miss school because he/she needs a haircut or go clothes shopping with you is sending the wrong message to children.
4. Please realize that your child is one of many that our teachers teach in a day, and that it is not always possible to address each and every need he or she may have. The sole responsibility of educating children is not the Teacher's alone; it is the parents/care givers as well.
5. Trust our staff and teachers as they know what they are doing.

Go Home Folders- Your child will bring their folder home every day. Please be sure to check for important papers or graded work to take them out of the folder.

Homework- There will be no homework sent home until further notice. All 4th grade students will be expected to:

- ❑ **Read nightly**
- ❑ **Math-** practice basic multiplication facts through 12. Students should practice until they know it at flash speed.

All students have access to all academic links through MyPascoConnect. Students will need to know their login information and password. We will be adding buttons/active links as we see the need. This means that from any computer they can access their accounts for Zearn, Florida Studies Weekly, Prodigy, etc.

Lunch- New Cafe SMES Policy will be forthcoming. Please check www.smes.pasco.k12.fl.us As a reminder, breakfast and lunches are no longer free.

SMES Website- For all up to date information regarding school functions, policies and other happenings, please check out the school website once a week!
www.smes.pasco.k12.fl.us Our newsletter and homework links will also be available on the website.

Volunteering- Volunteers must be approved through the county. Volunteer applications need to be updated each school year. We encourage you to fill out an application so that you are able to chaperone field trips and help out with school functions. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the application online at <http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/com/volunteer/>. You will be notified once you are approved. If you are not notified, please contact the front office at SMES or the District Office.

Your Child's Birthdays- Birthdays are special days for all of our students. With this in mind we would like to be able to recognize birthdays without disrupting the instructional time in the classroom. Therefore, student birthdays will be recognized in their classroom by the teacher/school. With this said, we will not be permitting birthday parties and celebrations at school in the classroom. This includes bringing cupcakes, balloons and other treats from home. Also, if you are passing out birthday invitations at school, please make sure that all students in the class are invited. If you only want to invite certain students, please pass the invitations out outside of school.

Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know the procedures and routines in fourth grade. We are looking forward to having a wonderful year together and becoming 21st century learners!

Your Eager and Excited Fourth Grade Team,

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