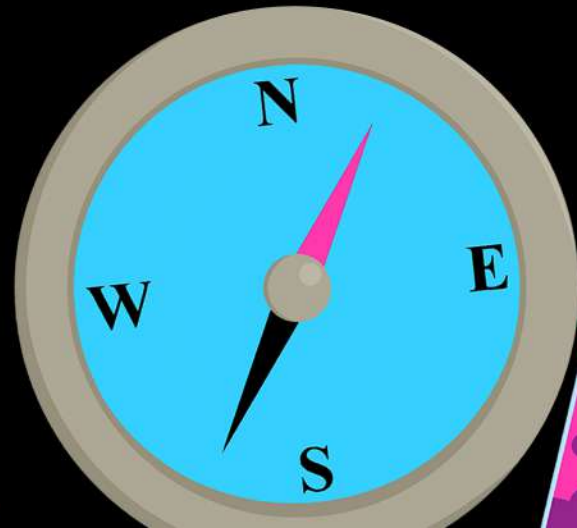
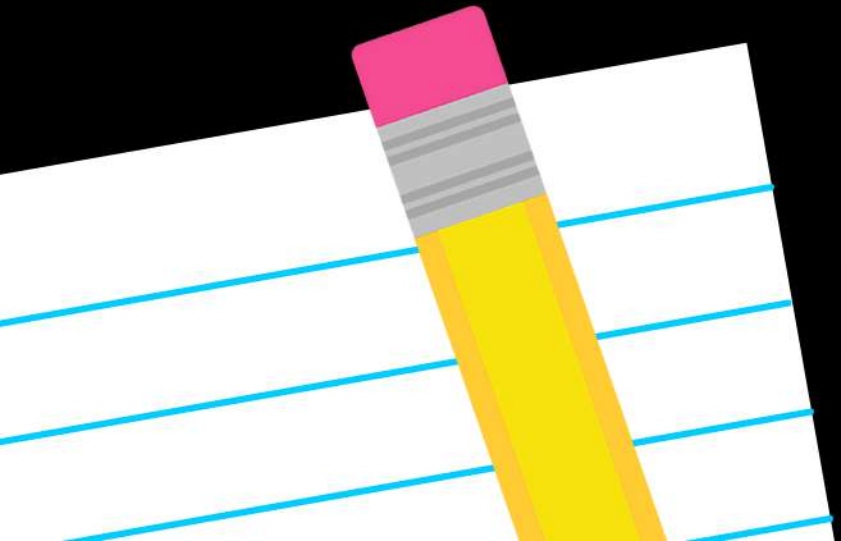


Welcome,
Families!



Teacher Introduction

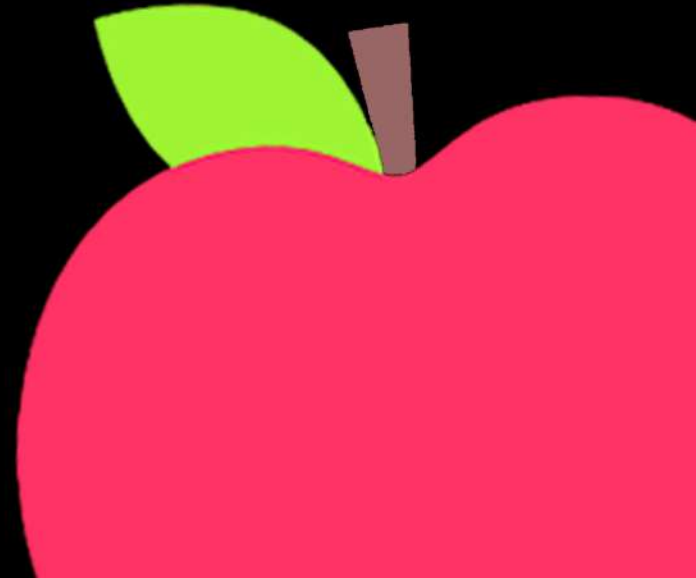
Hello, and welcome to 4th grade!!

My name is Mrs. Amy Walker, and I am delighted that you are in my class this year! This is my second year at Nebo, as well as my second year teaching fourth grade. I have taught pre-k, kindergarten, second grade, and third grade. I have also worked as a special education paraprofessional.



Teacher Introduction

I have been married to my husband, Chris, for almost 15 years. He is a health and PE teacher at Kennesaw Mountain High School in Cobb County. We have two children – Michael, who is 12 and starting 7th grade, and Kalyn, who is 7 (almost 8) and starting 2nd grade.




Classroom Procedures

- ❖ Students are allowed to come to the classroom at 7:30 am.
- ❖ Any student wanting to eat breakfast should go straight to the cafeteria before coming to the classroom.
- ❖ Upon entering the room, each student should unpack, turn in homework and/or lunch money, give any notes to Mrs. Walker, put away his/her backpack, write down the day's homework, and get started with morning work.

Classroom Procedures

This year, Mrs. Dunfee and I are teaming up! Students in our two classes will be split into two different groups, based upon pretest results. One group will have reading/language arts/writing with Mrs. Dunfee from 8:10-9:10, while the other group is with me for math. At 9:10, the groups will switch. The second group will have math or reading from 9:10-10:10 and will then have science or social studies from 10:10-10:40.



Our Daily Schedule...

time

subject

7:30-8:10

Morning Procedures

8:10-9:10

Math/Reading

9:10-10:10

Math/Reading

10:10-10:40

Science/Social Studies

10:40-11:30

Reading NBI

11:30-12:20

Lunch

12:20-1:10

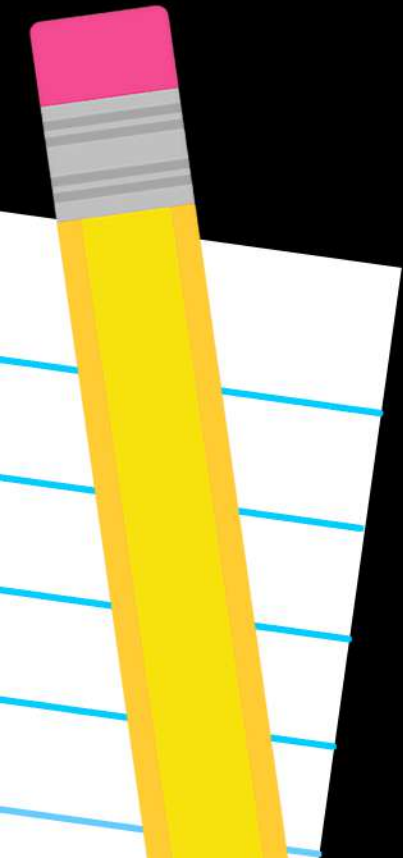
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1:10-2:00

Math NBI

2:00-2:15


Afternoon Procedures



Reading

Time: 8:10-9:10 OR 9:10-10:10

We will study both fiction and non-fiction texts this year. We will use the books Who Is ... Neal Armstrong, Down the Drain, George Washington's Socks, and Dear Mr. Henshaw.



Students will also work on improving their fluency rate and accuracy. Reading at home is a vital part of this process!

Reading

NBI Time: 10:40-11:30

During this time period, all the 4th grade students will be pooled together and then divided up into 6-8 different groups. This will allow the teacher to focus on the skills that each group specifically needs to work on.

This is called our "Reading NBI" block.



Language Arts

Time: 8:10-9:10 OR 9:10-10:10

Language Arts is another area that will be covered in Mrs. Dunfee's class. During 4th grade, we will look at types of sentences, relative pronouns, progressive verbs, ordering adjectives, figurative language, and much, much more!



Writing

Time: 8:10-9:10 OR 9:10-10:10

During the course of the year, 4th grade students will focus on three different genres of writing – informational, opinion, and narrative. PCSD has adopted the Lucy Calkins series to help us with teaching.

To help prepare for the Georgia Milestones, which has “constructed response” questions on the math section as well, we will be incorporating writing into as many of our other subjects as possible.



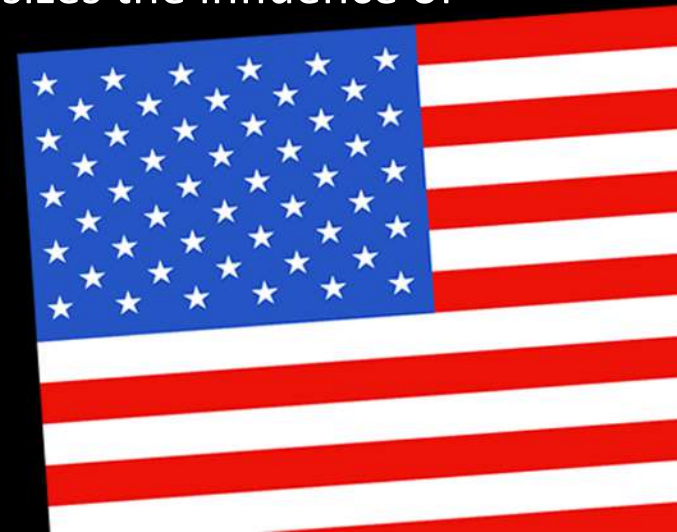
Social Studies

Time: 10:10-10:40

From the Georgia Standards website:

UNITED STATES HISTORY TO 1860

In fourth grade, students begin the formal study of United States history. At this grade, the four strands of history, geography, civics, and economics are fully integrated. Students begin their study of United States history with the development of Native American cultures and conclude with the antebellum period ending in 1860. The geography strand emphasizes the influence of geography on early U. S. history. The civics strand emphasizes concepts and rights developed during the formation of our government. The economics strand uses material from the historical strand to further understanding of economic concepts.



Math

Time: 8:10-9:10 OR 9:10-10:10

We have a lot of math to learn this year!

Here's what we have in store for us –

Unit 1 – Whole Numbers, Place Value, and Rounding in Computation

Unit 2 – Multiplication and Division of Whole Numbers

Unit 3 – Fraction Equivalents

Unit 4 – Operations with Fractions

Unit 5 – Fractions and Decimals


Unit 6 – Geometry

Unit 7 - Measurement



Math

NBI Time: 1:10-2:00



Just as we will do for reading, all the 4th grade students will be pooled together and then divided up into 6-8 different groups. This will allow the teacher of that group to focus on the skills that each group specifically needs to work on. This is called our “Math NBI” block.

Science

Time: 10:10-10:40

What we'll study -

Earth Science - Stars and star patterns; Solar System; Weather—data and forecasting

Physical Science – Light; Sound; Force, mass, and motion (simple machines); Effects of gravity

- Life Science – Ecosystems; Food web/Food chain; Adaptation – survival/extinction



Homework Assignments

Homework will be assigned each night, Monday through Thursday. Typically, homework will consist of some type of math practice sheet, as well as 30 minutes of reading, which will be documented on a reading log. A book report will be due every two weeks.



Specials Schedule

As in past years, we will rotate through PE, Music, Music Tech, and Art. A schedule will be available at www.nebofinearts.com and will also be on the back of our weekly newsletter.



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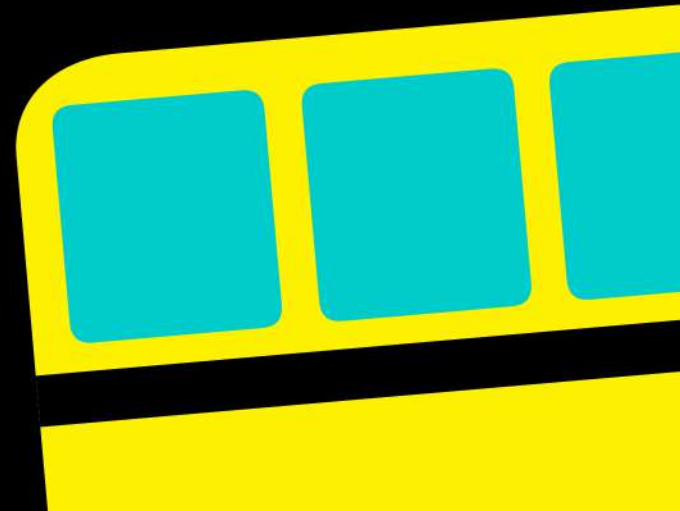
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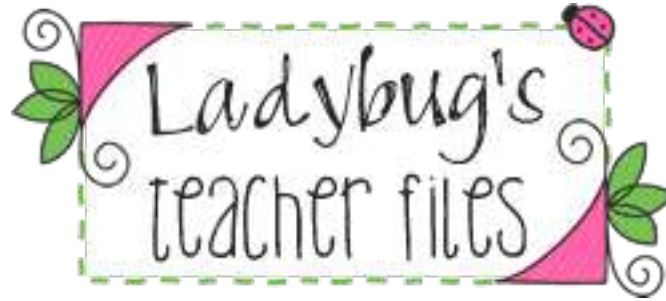
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Fieldtrips

We are already scheduled to visit the Cobb Youth Museum for our off-campus fieldtrip. We are also hoping to incorporate some on-campus experiences as well.



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