

Welcome to fourth grade! I'm your new teacher, Ms. Thayer, and I'm eager to meet all of you to begin our learning journey in September. Here's a highlight of coming attractions for our 4th grade adventure together.

- Classroom Economy with banking accounts, job salaries, property investments, monthly bills & purchasing for privileges.
- Classroom Government with weekly congress sessions to create, debate & vote for laws in our community.
- Learning about State & Federal Government with a field trip to the State Capitol & Museum in Augusta.
- Studying Rocks, Minerals and Landforms with a field trip to CREA in Topsham for sluicing and a rock hike.
- Investigating Forces of Motion through constructing balloon, wind and electric cars.
- Exploring biomes of the natural world: Coral Reef, Rain Forest, Desert, Savanna, Tundra...
- Mapping, researching and connecting to the geography of Maine, it's State Parks and Landtrust trails.
- Q & A project with National Parks. 4th graders & families have free admittance to any USA National Park @.
- Creating a Slide Show presentation of a Country in the World.
- Role-playing a day as an 1850's student at Growstown School in Brunswick.
- Writing in a VARIETY of ways throughout the year for different purposes inform, persuade and entertain.
- Maneuvering through math with pentominoes, tangrams, strategy games. Prodigy and Kindle Apps.
- Reading in a classroom library with over 2,500 books: graphic novels, informational and fictional of all-kinds.
- Google Classroom Assignments & Projects along with other technology links and Apps to enhance learning.
- On-going mission to use our Growth Mindset actions: To Explore, imagine, focus, ask questions, discuss, take risks, be curious, create, persevere and see mistakes as opportunities.
- Building a strong community of thinkers & kind citizens who can enjoy & grow in amazing ways together!

To be prepared for our work on the first day here's **Room 210's supply list**: **Please USE this list, NOT** the HBS FOURTH GRADE SUPPLY LIST.

- 1 One-inch ring binder with pockets on each side
- o Dry Erase markers (2 will be sufficient). Any extras will go in our Work Supply bins for community use.
- o 1 sturdy two-sided pocket folder with name clearly on the front
- 1 standard size pencil box
- 1 box of #2 pencils
- 1 set of colored pencils
- 1 standard size eraser **or** a package of pencil cap erasers

**Optional:** A pair of scissors, fine point markers, & a glue stick Community supplies will be readily available.



Harriet Beecher Stowe Open House on Thursday, August 29th from 5-6 to check out your new 4th grade community.

I'm looking forward to exploring many things together starting in September!