



General Information about Grade 4 School Year: 2021-2022

Welcome to the 4th grade. I am excited to start a new fun year with you and your child! Here are some key details about 4th grade:

- Students are expected to come to school prepared with pencils and his/her books. Homework is to be done every night and should be checked and signed by a parent.
- Please check stpatrickca.org on a daily basis. Homework and testing information will be listed. I give a full week of advanced notice for tests.
- Students will take part in three NYS exams- ELA, Math, and Science.
- During the summer, students will be required to read three books. Students will be assessed on the mandatory books during the first-full week of school. Please make sure your child reviews their multiplication tables, and practices cursive handwriting during the summer.

I want to wish everyone a wonderful and safe summer!

Thank you,
Ms. Nordbo



Students will read **three** books over the summer; students must read the **two** mandatory books given below and pick **one** book of your choice from the list below.

Students will take an assessment test on these two books when they return to school in September.

Mandatory books:

- a. The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks
- b. Harriet the Spy by Louis Fitzhugh

Students will complete an “in school project” on one of these books when they return to school in September.

Choose ONE Book:

- a. Savvy by Ingrid Law
- b. Nim’s Island by Wendy Orr
- c. The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden
- d. Mr. Popper’s Penguin by Richmard and Florence Atwater



Some tips for Summer Reading!

(Keep in mind social distancing this summer)

- Keep books in the car and make sure a good book gets tucked into sport bags and campers backpacks.
- Get your child his/her own library card.
- Help your child select books on topic he/she is interested in and on his/her reading level.
- A simple rule of thumb for helping your child select books at his/her reading level is to have a child choose a page in the book (not the first one) and read it. If he/she does not know five or more of the words, then the book is too hard for pleasure reading.
- Have plenty of books, books on tape, magazines, and other reading material around for kids to read.
- Connect reading with other summer activities.
For example, read books about places you will go over the summer or things you will be doing. Perhaps you will visit the beach or go camping, there are many good books about the beach and camping!
- Set goals and reward reading.
- Reward reading with more reading. If your child finishes one book, stop by the store and let him/her pick out another.
- Let your kids see you read. Read the newspaper over your morning coffee, take a magazine from the rack in a doctor's office while you wait; and stuff a paperback in your purse, pocket or briefcase. Your kids will catch on to the fact that reading is something you like to do in your spare time.
- Make reading together fun and memorable.
Even if your child is a super reader, they still love to be read to. You may want to use different voices for different characters when your child is reading. Reading together is a time for closeness and cuddling-another way to show your love as a caring adult.



Supply List for Fourth Grade

1. **Four** marble notebooks
2. A pack of 12 or 18 Ticonderoga® #2 Wooden Pencils
3. **One** pencil case (any kind)
4. **One** colored pen (any color)
5. **Four** 2 pocket folders
6. **One** highlighter (any color)
7. Fiskars Children's Safety Scissors
8. Pentel Hi-Polymer Block Eraser, Large, 3 Pack, White
9. 24 pack of Crayola colored pencils (non-scented) * if you wish you may also have a 24 pack of crayola crayons *
10. **Two** Reams Copy Paper, 8 1/2" x 11" Color-White
11. 2 rolls of paper towels
12. 2 boxes of tissues
13. 1 box of baby wipes
14. 2 Lysol or Clorox wipes
15. Science supplies: one marble notebook and one two pocket folder

NO small pencil sharpeners!

Student supplies can be found at Target, Staples and Amazon.