

WELCOME TO PARENT ORIENTATION

4th Grade 2017-2018

**MAKE SURE
TO FOLLOW
VVE ON**

- Facebook
- Instagram

Look on the VVE
website to see the
school calendar.



**THROW
KINDNESS
LIKE
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Daily Schedule

7:40-8:00 Class Meeting

8:00-9:10 Rotation 1 (Math or Language Arts)

9:10-10:00 Rotation 1 (Science or Social Studies)

10:00-11:20 Rotation 2 (Language Arts or Math)

11:20-12:00 Rotation 2 (Science or Social Studies)

12:00-1:00 Lunch/Recess

1:00-1:50 Specials

1:55-2:50 FIT

TEKS TEXAS ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Available on the web at

http://www.tea.state.tx.us/teks/grade/Fourth_grade.pdf

WHAT WILL MY CHILD LEARN THIS YEAR IN LANGUAGE ARTS?

Reader's Workshop

- Fluency
- Poetry
- Vocabulary
- Comprehension
- Literary Response
- Analyze Text

Writer's Workshop

- Personal Narrative
- Expository/Persuasive
- Scientific Spelling
- Grammar/Usage
- Poetry
- Inquiry/Research

WHAT WILL MY CHILD LEARN THIS YEAR IN MATH?

- Problem Solving □ Geometry
- Place Value □ Measurement
- Fractions □ Organizing Data
- Four Operations □ Graphing
- Estimation □ Time
- Patterns □ Financial Literacy
- Relationships

WHAT WILL MY CHILD LEARN THIS YEAR IN SCIENCE?

- Lab Safety
- Energy and Electromagnetism
- Scientific Method
- Science Tools
- Water and Landforms
- Environments

WHAT WILL MY CHILD LEARN THIS YEAR IN SOCIAL STUDIES?

- Focus – Texas
- Native Americans
- European Colonization
- Texas Revolution

Texas in the 19th Century

Texas Geography



STAAR

- ☐ State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness
- ☐ Based on state TEKS
- ☐ 4th grade STAAR tests:
 - ☐ Writing: **April 10th**
 - ☐ Math: **May 14th**
 - ☐ Reading: **May 15th**

FIT

- F.I.T. (focused instruction time) is provided in all EISD Elementary Schools
- F.I.T. is when Tier II kicks in!
- F.I.T. is a specific 55 minute time period at each grade level.
- Tier II includes GT, ELL (English Language Learners), dyslexia specialists, reading and math specialists. Students receiving these services will leave class during F.I.T. time.
- We tell the students to think of F.I.T. (Focused Instruction Time) as the time of day when we get our brains in better shape through focused instruction in smaller groups.
- Everyone gets F.I.T. at the same time each day. While Tier II students go to Tier II teachers, those remaining in class will get F.I.T. with their homeroom teacher. Everyone will be focused on small group, tailored instruction during F.I.T. time.

IMPORTANT THINGS

HEALTH

- Please ensure that your child comes to school healthy everyday. We are already experiencing strep and other illnesses in our classrooms. Children need to be fever free for 24 hours before they return to school.
- Deodorant is a beautiful (and necessary) thing in 4th grade!

ARRIVAL

- Please ensure your child arrives at school by **7:30am**.

LUNCH

- 1st Lunch 12:00-12:25 or 2nd Lunch 12:35-1:00
- You're welcome to join us!
- Lunch money may be brought any day of the week, put in office by 8:00 am each morning.
- Student lunch \$3.00 Adult lunch \$3.70.
- As always, breakfast, a light **healthy snack**, and a water bottle are important.

JOIN US FOR LUNCH

- We welcome parents to come for lunch and enjoy your child's company and to assist by modeling and enforcing positive behavior in the cafeteria.
- You are welcome to sit with your child at his/her table.
- If you move with your child to find more space, please do not invite others to join you.



HOMework ASSIGNMENTS

- Homework assignments can be found on individual teacher's website.
- Be sure to look on Math/Science teacher's and Language Arts/Social Studies teacher's websites.
- Usually Math homework every night, and nightly reading of 20 minutes or more. Occasionally Language Arts or Social Studies.
- Math homework is due the next day; other assignments will say due date.

Homework TIPS

- Set aside a specific time to eliminate procrastination
- Designate a quiet place to work
- Invite a study buddy to do homework together
- Check for quality and completeness
- Contact me if assignments are causing anxiety
- Homework should be thought of as a positive extension of the classroom

THURSDAY FOLDER

- Graded papers
- District and campus handouts

4TH GRADE FIELD TRIP

- Texas Coastal Exploration (TCE)
 - May 18, 2018 and cost to be determined
- Bob Bullock Museum for American Indian Heritage Day
- Nutcracker Spectacular

TRANSPORTATION

- Establish a weekly routine and stick to it.
- Must send note or email before 12:00 if there is a change in routine.
- **If you don't hear from your child's teacher, please contact the office. Also, contact the office if there is an unexpected change after 12:00.**
- Please make sure you discuss the transportation change with your child before sending them to school.
- Unless we hear from you directly, we will send your child home their regular route.
- Please help your child to get in the habit of wearing his/her SMART tag everyday. Eventually, it will also be used as a lunch and library pass.

VVE TREAT POLICY

- There are 2 specific days during the school year when treats are permitted (actually encouraged) on campus: December 22 and February 14.
- We ask that parents do not send ANY treats (edible or tangible) on any other day of the school year.

BIRTHDAYS are SUPER SWEET, EVEN WITHOUT "Treats"

- We LOVE birthdays and strive to make each child feel recognized and very special on his/her birthday.
- Student birthdays are announced daily during morning announcements (summer birthdays are announced the last week of school).
- Each grade level recognizes birthdays (even summer birthdays) in their own special way. (Crowns, banners, special privileges, etc...).

BIRTHDAYS CONTINUED...

- You are welcome to bring your child a **birthday lunch.** (Leave balloons, cookie bouquets, cupcakes, cookie cake, pizza for the class and so forth...at home)
- Birthday invitations must include every child in the class OR all the boys OR all the girls. If your child prefers a smaller party or wants to include all the students from other classes, please mail the invitations

Lockers

- Lockers are school property and used to hold students' backpacks, books, and school supplies.
- We do not permit students to decorate lockers at VVE. That's a treat reserved for middle school.

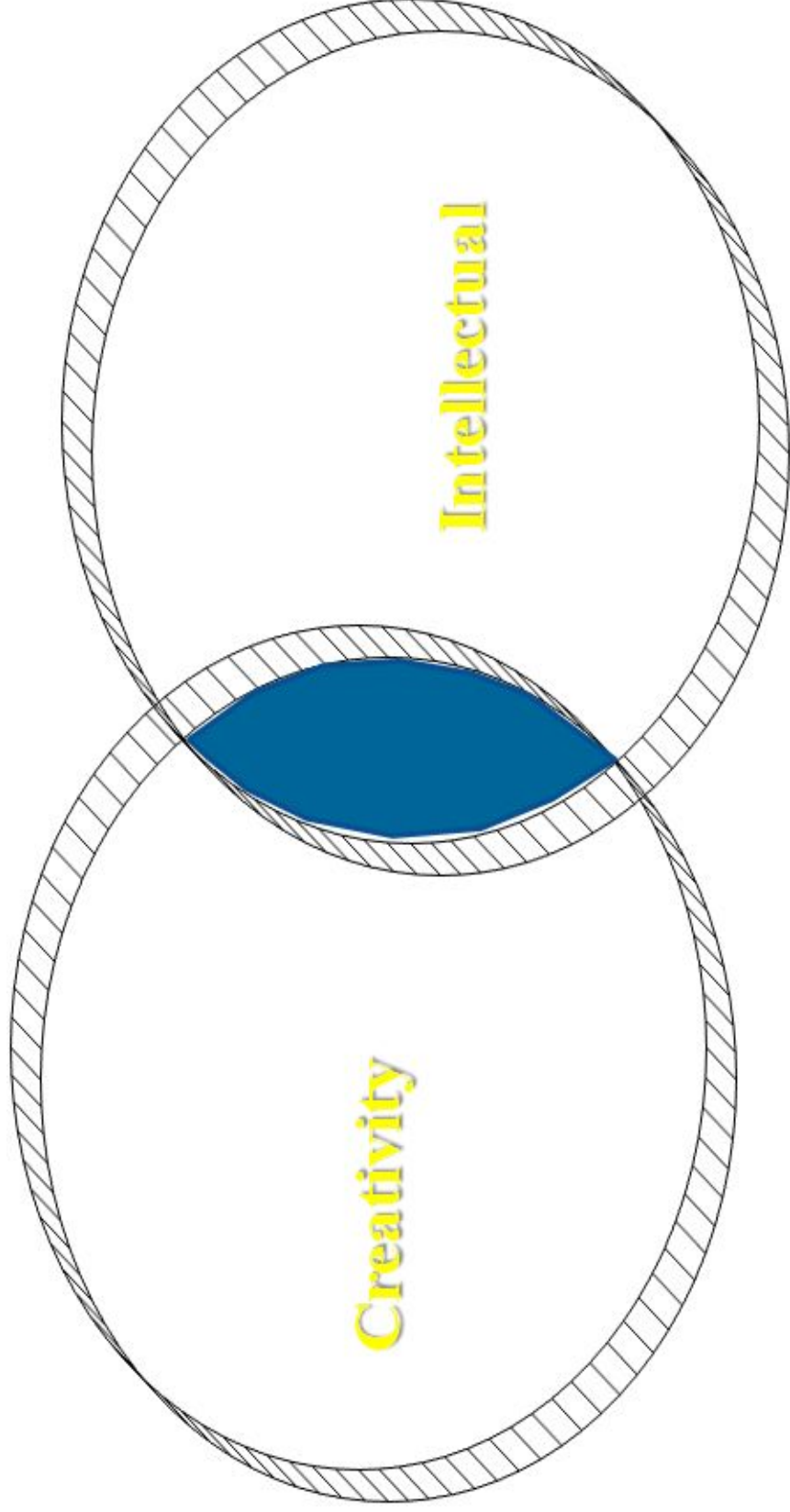
HOW CAN YOU HELP MAKE THIS a FANTASTIC year?

- Volunteer**
- Check the tables for sign ups**
 - Watch throughout the year for opportunities in the Thursday folder and Cardinal Weekly
- Apples for the teacher**
 - If possible, take an apple
 - Thank you for your generosity!
- Be interested and involved by asking your child questions.**
 - What book did you read today?
 - What did you work on in math?
 - Who did you sit with at lunch?
 - What did you do in science?
 - What did you write about today?
 - What nice thing did you do for someone today?
 - What was your favorite part of the day?
 - What are you looking forward to tomorrow?

stay INVOLVED

- Join the VV Booster Club
- Volunteer in the school
- Consider becoming involved with the Eanes Education Foundation

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NEW GT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- Ability test given on **SATURDAY**, September 9
- Portfolio items will be administered during the first 3 weeks of school
- No home project

If you are interested in having your child assessed for the Valley View Gifted and Talented program, please check out **wenabell.weebly.com** for more specific details.

→ **Be aware that online Consent for Assessment must be complete by 5PM tonight (August 31).**

EEF

Contributions to EEF help fund teachers and staff. The 4 teachers who are funded this year at VVE are Nancy Abell, Lisa Bost, Coach Sanderson, and Mr. Z

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