

Welcome to 4th Grade!

Dear Families,

Welcome to the start of a fantastic school year! I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and to let you know a little of what to expect during this school year for your child in fourth grade. My name is Kurt Buehner, and this is my thirty-seventh year teaching. I live in Elkhorn with my wife, Ginger. We have two grown children, Amy (31), and Kyle (28), as well as a two year old granddaughter, Brooklyn, who lives in Madison with Amy and her husband, Greg. When I'm not teaching, I like to spend time enjoying the outdoors, hiking, biking, and running. I am an avid sports fan, and can often be found cheering on the Wisconsin Badgers, Green Bay Packers, Milwaukee Brewers, and, of course, the East Troy Trojans. I also enjoy traveling with my family.

I find **fourth grade to be an exciting time for children**. Some of the things we will be doing will be studying the history of Wisconsin, learning about rocks and minerals, sound, bones and muscles, and inventions. We will continue to learn keyboarding skills, as well as spend time researching on the internet. Anticipate homework some nights. Although I try to allow enough time in class to complete assignments, it becomes necessary at times to complete them at home. I also appreciate your child spending time reading for pleasure, as well as practicing basic math facts and studying weekly word study lists.

In terms of **Specials**, students will have Physical Education (Phy. Ed.) on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please remind your child to dress appropriately and wear tennis shoes. We will visit the library on Thursdays, have Art on Mondays, and Music will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays. Our Keyboarding class is on Wednesday, and Guidance with Mrs. Hamele is Thursdays. I do permit and encourage students to bring in a healthy snack each day to eat during the morning hours. Snacks are not mandatory, but sometimes the morning hours get a little long, and a healthy snack might be just what your child needs. This year our lunch is at 12:15, and recess is from 12:45-1:15.

Many parents ask about **birthday treats**. Please feel free to send a treat to celebrate your child's birthday if you so choose. If your child's birthday is not during the school year, you may choose to celebrate it during another month. This is entirely up to you and your child.

Every student should have an **assignment notebook**. This is my communication link with you. I look for a parent signature every morning. Please use this as a means to pass on necessary information to me.

Finally, I anticipate a wonderful school year with your child. We need to work together for your child to succeed. Please call or e-mail me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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