

WELCOME

FOURTH GRADE

Arrival and Dismissal Policy

- Academic instruction begins at **8:25** Monday-Friday
- Dismissal will be in the front of the school at **2:40** daily. An adult must pick up the student.
- Students can only be dismissed to adults listed on their blue card.
- If your child has permission to walk home alone or to leave with someone else, please send in a handwritten note.
- Children on the bus list will always remain on the bus list.
- If your child attends an outside after school program, we will always dismiss them to that program.

Attendance

- Attendance is a major factor in your child's academic progress and their acceptance into the middle school of his/her choice.
- Absences due to medical illness must have medical documentation sent to the office.
- Students who do not maintain at least a 90% attendance rate, (without medical documentation) and/or arrive late more than 5 days will not be eligible to attend school events such as camping, school dances, field day and others.
- Families have access to attendance through your NYC Schools Account. Please check regularly to confirm that our records match yours.

Weekly Schedule

- Monday - Dance
 - Tuesday – Computer
 - Wednesday - Science
 - Thursday – Gym/Swim
 - Friday – Science
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- *Theater & Art will happen in the spring semester*

Bus Policy

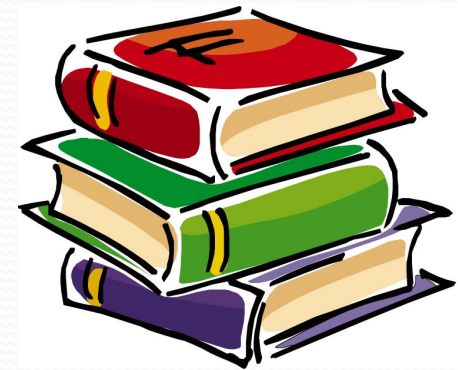
- If your child takes the bus home any day of the week (even if it is only 1 day/week):
 - If s/he is also enrolled in afterschool, you do not need to notify the office as s/he will not be placed on the bus the days s/he is registered for after school.
 - If your child is not taking the bus because an adult is picking him/her up instead, please email the office at ps11chelseabus@gmail.com **no later than 2:00 PM that day.**
 - Your email must indicate the name of the adult picking up your child.
 - If that adult is not present at the gate by 2:40 pm, your child will board the bus and will need to be picked up at their bus stop.
 - Please **do not email teachers** asking for students to be left off the bus.

Reading Workshop

- Students will be advised to read texts with great depth, thoughtfulness, and attentiveness to details
- This year you will see an increased emphasis on the skills of author's craft, interpretation, growing and revising ideas, and thinking across texts and genres
- Increase of emphasis on writing about our reading (evidence based)
- Students will be encouraged to read more nonfiction texts
- Make sure your child has books he/she loves and are reading books that they can understand. Kids who are holding books they adore get a lot of reading done!

Reading Expectations

- Students should be reading at least 30 minutes every night.
- Students should be writing about their ideas in their notebooks!
- We will be collecting reading notebooks on a weekly basis.



Reading Units of Study

1. Interpreting Characters: The Heart of the Story
2. Reading the Weather, Reading the World: Purposeful Reading of Nonfiction
3. Close Reading/Detail Synthesis
4. Reading History: The American Revolution
5. Test Prep
6. Historical Fiction Book Clubs

Writing Workshop

- Continued emphasis on the writing process while learning how to become sophisticated writers (more intentional author's craft).
- Increased emphasis on revision and editing.
- Students should always edit their writing each time they write. *Please encourage this at home.
- Publishing is done at home. Typing is encouraged.

Writing Units of Study

1. Identity Unit
2. Personal and Persuasive Essays
3. Literary Essay: Writing about Fiction
4. Writing About the American Revolution
5. Test Prep
6. Historical Fiction Writing



Mathematics

- Emphasis on building solid conceptual foundation before moving towards algorithms and other short-cuts.
- Students should be fluent with their basic addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts.
- Students should keep their notebooks neat, organized, show all their work and thoroughly explain how they determined an answer
- Inquiry & Project-based instruction will take place

Mathematics Units of Study

1. Place Value Concepts for Addition & Subtraction
2. Place Value Concepts for Multiplication and Division
3. Multiplication and Division of Multi-Digit Numbers
4. Foundations for Fraction Operations
5. Angle Measurements and Plane Figures
6. Place Value Concepts for Decimal Fractions

Social Studies

- In 4th grade we study New York State History
- Students will complete projects in school and at home. Students may work alone or with partners. We will send more information about projects as the time gets closer.
- There will be an emphasis on learning how to take research notes and how to use technology to present findings.

Homework

- Homework is optional, with the exception of reading and projects.
- Students should be reading EVERY NIGHT for 30 minutes. This should be uninterrupted silent reading.
- While students read, they can still be jotting about the characters in their books. Students may also be asked to respond to their reading in their reading response notebooks.
- Students may also be assigned:
 - Work they did not complete during class time.
 - “Non-thinking” work such as publishing a piece of writing.
 - Portions of a project.



NYS Testing Information 2023

English Language Arts (ELA): April 10–12

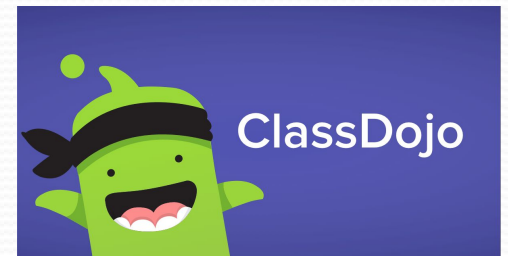
Mathematics: May 7–9

BEHAVIOR MATRIX

	Classrooms & Specialty Classrooms	Restrooms & Locker Room	Recess	Cafeteria	Hallway & Stairs
Safety	Keep hands and feet to yourself. Ask permission to leave. Respect personal space. Use classroom materials appropriately.	Honor privacy. Do not play or climb. Wash your hands.	Keep hands and feet to yourself. Monkey bars for 2nd-5th only. Do not play fight. Follow directions the first time. Talk to an adult when you need help.	Walk safely. Stay seated and raise your hand to get up. Eat at your seat. Be seated when your teacher arrives.	Walk safely. Stay in your line spot. Go directly to your destination and then return to your classroom.
Respect	Take care of materials. Share and take turns. Be an active listener.	Use materials appropriately. Keep the space clean. Respect privacy.	Follow directions the first time. Take turns. Play fairly. Respect different play areas. Listen and respond to directions given by adults.	Clean up when lunch is over. Follow directions the first time. Listen and respond to directions given by adults.	Use a quiet voice. Respect work on bulletin boards.
KGG	Use kind words. Treat others the way you want to be treated. Show empathy. Show gratitude. Be inclusive and cooperative.	Be responsible & patient. Honor privacy.	Invite others to play. Help others. Share space and equipment. Keep your hands and feet to yourself.	Use an indoor voice. Say please and thank you. Clean up after yourself.	Be mindful of classrooms that are learning. Keep hallways and stairs clean.
Integrity	<p>Be your best self.</p> <p>Be honest.</p> <p>Think about others before you act or speak.</p> <p>Take responsibility for your actions, words and feelings.</p>				

Class Dojo!

- Please connect via email or phone number.
- No behavior.
- Students and Teachers can post on class or individual student story.
- Student work, units of study, helpful resources and charts from class will be posted.



Birthdays

- Families can bring in cupcakes or cookies that are **nut free**.
- There must be enough for all students.
- Please, no goodie bags or other gifts. We must keep it simple!
- Please notify me at least 1 week before the event.



Cell Phone Policy

- If students bring cell phones or any other smart devices to school, they must be kept off and in their backpacks for the entire school day.
- If a student is found in possession of cell phone/smart device during school hours (lunch and recess included), the following protocols will be used:
 - First incident: Device will be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the day.
 - Second incident: Device will be confiscated and parent/guardian will need to pick it up.
 - Third incident: Student will not be allowed to bring device to school.

Safety

- Adults **MUST** have a visitor's pass, or PS 11 ID to come upstairs. Always go to the office before coming to the classroom.
- Students must be accompanied by an adult at all times, unless they are going to the bathroom.
(They will go in pairs.)
- If a student leaves their lunch in the classroom, they will not be able to go back and get it. They will eat a school lunch. (All school lunches are now free.)

Allergies

- Please list all allergies on parent survey. This list is used by Specialty Teachers, the cafeteria staff and for field trips.
- Please let us know via Dojo/email if your child needs an Epi-Pen or inhaler.
- We cannot accept any medications- they must be taken to the Ryan Center.

Reminders

- Lunch Forms
 - Can be completed online
- Schools Supplies were donated by the PTA
 - No outside pens or supplies please!
- Water bottles are encouraged...water ONLY, please!
- E-mail Address
 - Please provide an accurate e-mail address that we can use to contact you throughout the year.
 - If you do not have an e-mail address please provide a current phone number.
 - If you contact us, please allow 48 hours for us to reply
- Please feel free to contact us at: