

# Mr. Morecz's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

"Back to School Night"

6:30 p.m. on 8/30/2022

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Before we start, please find your child's desk and kindly have a seat.

- You are welcome to respond to your child's note they wrote to you and place it back in their desk for them to read tomorrow morning.
- There is no November conference sign up sheet today. I will send out the dates and available times in the coming weeks electronically.

# Overview

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- About me
  - Daily Schedule & Specials
  - Academics & Activities in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
    - English Language Arts
    - Math
    - Science
    - Social Studies
    - Enspire
  - In class assignments and homework
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# About Myself

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- Schooling
  - Undergraduate- Penn State University
  - Master- Holy Family University
- Teaching Experience- +18 years
- 1st year teaching 4th grade
- I have a daughter who is almost 3, a rescue named Winnie, and my wife teaches third grade in a neighboring district.
- I live within the district and lived in Bucks my entire life.
- Huge Philadelphia sports fan



# Daily Schedule for your 4th Grader

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9:10- 9:30	Morning Meeting
9:30- 10:30	Social Studies/ Science/ Humanities
10:30- 11:30	Recess and Lunch
11:30- 1:05	ELA
1:05- 1:50	Specials <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monday- Art</li><li>• Tuesday- Library</li><li>• Wednesday- Music</li><li>• Thursday- <i>Enspire</i></li><li>• Friday- Physical Education</li></ul>
1:50- 2:00	Snack
2:00- 3:30	Math: Number Corner and Bridges
3:30-4:00	Dismissal

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# English Language Arts:

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## Journey's Reading Program

- Whole Group: model skills and strategies
- Guided Reading: small group instruction
- Fiction and non-fiction reading selection
- Vocabulary, Grammar, Spelling/ Word Study

Book Clubs: based on reading level and/or interest. Students will learn to conduct Literature Circle discussions.

## Read Alouds/Class Novels

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## Integrated across the curriculum

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# Writing:

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- Strengthen writing by planning, revising, & editing
    - Punctuation
    - Capitalization
    - Grammar
    - Word Study/Spelling
  - Forms of Writing:
    - Narrative: Personal and Fictional
    - Opinion (Argumentative)
    - Informational
    - Poetry
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# Book Projects

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- On average, 1 per marking period
  - First project will be modeled and completed with our whole class novel/read aloud
  - Allows me to see individual child's reading level, reading interest, level of understanding, and give students an opportunity to showcase what they have read
  - Will be completed at home, OWL time, and during ELA block
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# Math: Bridges and Number Corner

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- Students focus intensively on the three critical areas specified by the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics in Grade Four:
    - Developing understanding and fluency with multi-digit multiplication, and developing understanding of dividing to find quotients involving multi-digit dividends
    - Developing an understanding of fraction equivalence, addition and subtraction of fractions with like denominators, and multiplication of fractions by whole numbers
    - Understanding that geometric figures can be analyzed and classified based on their properties, such as having parallel sides, perpendicular sides, particular angle measures, and symmetry
  - [4<sup>th</sup> Grade website](#)
  - [Bridges Website](#)
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# Science

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- Topics:
    - Magnets and Electricity (Energy)
    - Soils, Rocks, and Landforms
    - Animal Studies
    - PSSA Preparation (administered in the spring)
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# Social Studies

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## Topics:

- States and Regions
  - Pennsylvania
    - Who first lived in each region?
    - How was the region settled?
    - What are the landforms and natural resources?
    - What is the region like today?
  - Projects
  - Focus on Study Skills
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# STEAM STRONG

ALL DAY LONG



## Think Critically

Observe carefully, research, look for clues, and discover possible solutions.



## Collaborate

Work together, brainstorm, cooperate, and participate.



## Be Creative

Use your imagination. Look for new ideas. Think outside the box!



## Persevere

Take chances, make mistakes, and never give up.



## Communicate

Share ideas clearly in writing, drawing, and speaking.

# Class Assignments and Homework

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- Students are expected to complete assignments and projects on time.
- Students will have homework this year.
- Homework must be written down in class in an assignment book.
  - Failure to complete homework/projects will impact student quarterly grades.
    - 0-2 missed homework = "M"
    - 3-4 missed homework = "A"
    - 5+ missed homework = "I"
    - Parents will be contacted when students miss at least 2 homework assignments.

# Class Assignments and Homework (continued)

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- Class assignments and homework will be electronic via Google Classroom and/or in paper format.
- Students will be expected to have an independent reading book in school every day and read at least 20 minutes per day.
- Expect Math, ELA, and possibly Science and/or Social Studies each night.
  - Math: Home Connection (HC) pages 2-3 times/week
  - Study Skills: reviewing concepts, test preparation, using study guides, finding what “works” for them
  - With long dismissal and family obligations: may work on in school- “Homework Club” begins at dismissal.



# Parent Involvement

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- Accept invitation to Google Guardian Summary from Google Classroom and/or know your child's username and password (to see exactly what your child sees).
  - Promote student independence
  - Encourage students to contact us first with assignment directions, concerns, etc.
  - Parents email us if concerns, frustrations, big events, etc. come up
  - November Conferences: Signup Genius link will be sent closer to November.
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# Parent Information & News Announcements

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- Friday Finale-You will be emailed a newsletter about what was covered that week plus information for the coming week. It will be found on Mr. Morecz's Council Rock School District website as well as emailed via parent distribution listing.
  - Google Classroom Guardian [Summaries](#)- if you sent/send me your email and child's name.
  - Email address- Recommended [amorecz@crsd.org](mailto:amorecz@crsd.org)
  - Teacher Web Site available on Council Rock School District- [www.crsd.org](http://www.crsd.org). Check for possible pictures, activities, or information about the class including future tests and/ or long term projects/ assignments. [This](#) is my website.
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