



Dear Parents,

It's the beginning of a new school year! Fourth Grade is a very important year for your child academically. I know this because I have taught fourth grade for six years and am familiar with the high expectations and the state standards students are expected to master. We have a very busy year planned ahead of us. We will start off with the Treasures Unit 1 themed "Growing Up". We will focus on reading comprehension, story genres, and responding to literature. Students will be expected to write in cursive CCA State Standard W.4.2 and write multiple paragraphed narratives, persuasive letters, and research reports. Students will have daily math homework, spelling, and weekly reading goals (AR). This homework will reteach the state standards that are taught in class. It is mandatory that students master their multiplication tables and participate in our school's Accelerated Reader Program. In social studies we will be studying California regions, missions, and the gold rush. In science, we will be studying earthquakes, erosion, and electricity. All students will be expected to participate in the science fair. We have a busy year planned ahead of us.

The following is important information about our class.

- Homework and spelling words will be written down in their Daily Planner. Students are to keep all their work in a folder inside their backpack.
 - Spelling Packets are due every Friday.
 - 5 times Wednesdays.
 - Spelling Tests are on Fridays.
 - Students have access to practice and play games with their spelling words on the Internet.
 - Under School: Sunny Sands Elementary
 - Teacher: Beann Cochran
 - No Password Required
 - Math is assigned daily and always due the next day. If your child needs extra help they can access EnVision Math Web Site.
 - Copy of Student Math Book
 - Videos to reteach every lesson from class
 - Password Required
 - Username: Student 1st Initial and 1st 5 letters of their last name.
 - Ex. Beann Cochran
 - dcochr
 - Password: Birthday
 - Ex. October 2, 2002 (month, day, year)
 - 100202
 - Ex. March 27, 2001 (month, day, year)
 - 032701
 - Reading— Students will be participating in the Accelerated Reader program. Students must read AR books and take at least one test a week. Students reading accountability will be reflected on weekly and bi-monthly AR printouts. Ideally students should get at least 1 AR point a week.
- SNACKS: Healthy snacks and water bottles are welcome. We do not have a water faucet in the portable classroom.
- RULES: Sunny Sands rules apply to our classroom and playground. We will focus on 'Respect' (all students have the right to be respected by their peers) and 'Responsibility' (all students will take responsibility for themselves). When students follow these two rules, the classroom atmosphere is safe and positive for learning.
- FRIDAY FOLDERS: Friday Folders will be sent home weekly with class and homework grades on them. If your child is missing homework it will be reflected on their Friday Folder grades and they will be expected to do missed homework at their recess. ~~I strongly believe that your children are old enough to be responsible to do their own homework and turn it in on time.~~ I will go over all homework in detail. However your child should get a few of their friend's phone numbers just in case they have questions, lose their homework, or are absent. Please make sure your child has a quiet place to do their homework.
- CLASSROOM SUPPLIES:
 - A Must:
 - 1 1/2 inch: 3 Ring Binder & Dividers with pockets
 - Scissors (no baby scissors)
 - Headphones/Ear Buds (no computer lab & class)
 - Backpack
 - Pencil box
 - Glue stick
 - Mechanical pencils
 - Homework Folder
 - Color Pencils/Markers
- CLASSROOM WISH LIST:
 - Items for our Treasure Chest
 - Kleenex
 - Disinfecting Handy Wipes – to clean desk tops weekly
 - Snack Treats for rewards

QUESTIONS: If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at _____, send me a note or to call me at school 760-770-8635. I return calls, messages, and e-mails after school, at recess (when I don't have duty) or the next day, as messages are not always immediately seen. I strongly feel that in order for us to have a great year academically we have to work as a three-way team (student – parent – teacher) with open communication geared to meet your child's needs.

Good Attendance is vital because we are covering a new Math Lesson everyday and students who are absent fall behind quickly. _____ (Please initial)

I look forward to working with both you and your child to make this a productive year. I will review our schedule and procedures with you at Back-To-School Night on August 9th in room 32.

Thanks for your support,
Mrs. Cochran

WEB SITES:

SPELLING:

MATH:

AR BOOK LOOK UP:

MY EMAIL:

NOVEMBER OFF TRACK:

BY: Students will have off track Skills Work in November.

- 1 A Math Skills Review Packet
- 1 One Novel to Read – AR test on their return.
- 1 Research Science Fair Project
- 1 A Daily Journal (Writing Skills – We will be sharing stories aloud when we return):
 - Start Your Science Fair Project
 - Hypothesis
 - Research
 - Materials
 - Made up stories
 - A basic diary of what happen during their day.
 - Letters to me

