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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Fourth grade is quickly approaching and is quite a change for our students. We would like to give you some information to help you prepare.

During this year work becomes much more independent. We are departmentalized, which means each teacher is a specialist in their subject. Your child will be spending time with each of us next year! Students will be taking notes, performing experiments, and completing homework almost every night. We will be requiring a homework planner, available the first day of school.

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| Math homework | Daily assignments, daily fact practice |
| ELA homework | Read 20 minutes daily, weekly assignments |
| Science and Social Studies homework | Weekly assignments |

As you may know, New York State Common Core Learning Standard testing is in place for all students in grades 3-8. Next year your child will be taking tests in Math, Science, and English Language Arts (Reading). These tests measure your child's ability, as compared to other fourth graders across the state. The tests help us place your child in reading and math groups. In order to best prepare your child, students will be changing classes this year for the core subjects. Each teacher will specialize in a subject area to better meet the needs of all students.

We will be using a free App called "Class Dojo" to communicate with you this year. You can download it to your smartphone from your App Store. It is also available by email if you do not have a smartphone. Directions will be available at the beginning of the year. These directions will link families to every fourth grade teacher.

We look forward to the upcoming school year and hope that you and your child do too! If there are ever any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us!

Thank you,
The Fourth Grade Team