

Thursday, September 9th, 2021

Welcome to Fourth Grade!

Dear Room #312 Families,

My name is Noah Burnett, and I am so excited to be teaching your student at the Mason School for this upcoming year! This will be my fifth year teaching at the Mason. I love what I do, and I love being able to meet the amazing scholars in our community and build them up to feel successful, empowered, and prepared for their bright futures. 4th grade is a really great age where scholars develop more independence, think critically, and take on opportunities as young leaders. This year I will be teaming up with Ms. Tracey, who is new to the Mason this year! As a team, our class will work together (safely!) to grow socially and academically, and prepare for future success.



With a full return to school after the challenges of quarantine, remote learning, and all of the “pandemic business,” we are looking forward to a healthy, engaging school year in person, and many new, exciting changes! This year, we are going to be using a new literacy curriculum called “Core Knowledge Language Arts,” where students will learn strong literacy skills while learning about science topics, different periods in history, poetry, and lots more! In math, we will be working to understand the place value system, and be able to use addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to solve a variety of problems. We will also spend a significant portion of the year working to deepen understanding fractions and decimals. Other areas of focus in 4th grade math are understanding measurement conversions and classifying/measuring different shapes. This work will often be tough, but with the hard work of our team, we will learn those crucial skills and build independence as learners and community members. Our children **deserve** a challenging education that stretches their brains, and the highest of expectations for their success.

In our classroom, we are a community of learners that work together and support one another. We challenge each other to think differently, care for each other, and build a community of respect and hard work. I’m looking forward to beginning the school year and having your student in our class. I encourage you to reach out to me with any questions or concerns throughout the school year. As a school, we will be primarily using Class Dojo to communicate with families. If you haven’t yet connected through ClassDojo, or if you prefer to communicate a different way, you can find some of my additional contact information below.

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Sincerely,



Noah Burnett

School Supplies

For this year in fourth grade, many supplies will already be provided for the students. Additionally, your scholar will need to have...



- A backpack for his/her belongings
- Pencils to keep at home for completing homework
- A pair of sneakers for P.E.
- A reusable water bottle
- A composition notebook (lined, with 80+ pages)
- Headphones or earbuds that can be brought back and forth to school
- A small pencil case to hold supplies
- A 1/2-inch or 1 inch binder (it needs to be small!)
- OPTIONAL: A second, 2-inch to 3-inch binder

If you are unable to send him/her with all of the above supplies, please contact me at [617-564-3365](tel:617-564-3365) or nburnett@bostonpublicschools.org and we can discuss a solution to getting your student all of the things he/she will need to have the best learning experience possible.

If you are willing/able to send your student with any of the following, it would be greatly appreciated. *It is by no means required*, but would be helpful and appreciated to help our students stay clean and healthy this year!



- Paper towels
- Tissues
- Hand sanitizer

