



Dear Parents of Fourth Graders,

I am excited about the system Mrs. Weferling and I have arranged which allows me to work with you to help your child learn math concepts this year. Most of the day, I am teaching the fifth graders, however I will be coming into the fourth grade room for about forty-five minutes per day to lead the class in various math activities and lessons while Mrs. Weferling teaches English to the fifth grade. I am looking forward to many great achievements by the students this year.



Learning the basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts are critical to the mathematic success of fourth graders. We often do brief math fact exercises in class; but reviewing these facts at home with flash cards, computer games, or other methods is very important. Students will be required to do on-line practice using Reflex Math. More information about that will be coming.

Homework:

Homework will be assigned nearly every day except for the night of a quiz or test and Fridays, though there may be an occasional exception to this rule. Please check your child's assignment book each night and make sure that they have completed the work. Homework will be graded in the following way:

- √+ (100) if totally complete and neat
- √ (80) if mostly complete, or complete but messy
- √ (50) if only half complete, mostly complete and messy, or late
- (0) if not turned in.

When homework is not completed, the student will need to work make it up ASAP either in school or at home. They may turn it in late for a √-.



Other Info.:

- All math work should be done in pencil.
- Parents are encouraged to help their child with their homework if they need it. However, helping to the point of practically giving the answer is not in the student's best interest. It may not help them to learn the concept and it gives the teacher a false impression of the student's comprehension of the skill.
- Students have a folder for in-class math papers.
- Concepts to be learned include: place value through the millions, money, time, multiplication, division, geometry, decimals, and fractions.

I am thrilled to be a part of the PVCA team that will be teaching your child this year. If you have any question for me, please feel free to e-mail me (tbeggs@pvcama.org), call me at school, or call or text my cell (508-243-7312). May God bless your family and our school year.

In His Service,

Mr. Tom Beggs

