



Mrs. Chang's Emojine Weekly

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"Education is the most powerful weapon
which you can use to change the world." Nelson Mandela

Important Dates

Aug. 21, 2017

First Day of School

Aug. 24, 2017, 9:50-10:30 AM

All-School Assembly

Aug. 25, 2017, 8:15-9:00 AM

Summer Study Share

Sept. 4, 2017

Labor Day, No School

Sept. 13, 2017, 6:30 PM

Back to School Night

Sept. 15, 2017, 4:30-7:30 PM

PTO Back to School Bash

Sept. 28, 2017, 9:30-11:30 AM

Stillman Field Trip

Reminders

Please bring to school daily:

- Healthy snacks (fresh fruits/veggies/cheese)
- Filled water bottle
- Reading Log
- Fully charged iPad (earbuds stay at school)
- Jacket/gym shoes to keep in locker

Read Aloud

Wonder by R. J. Palacio

Welcome

What an exciting time of year it is for students and teachers alike! The beginning of a school year is filled with renewed energy and compelling enthusiasm. We will make new connections and build upon old ones to continue our academic learning and personal growth. We will have a great year in 4th grade!

This year, we begin school with a full week. We will reacquaint ourselves with classroom procedures, routines, and team-building activities. Our Grove Expectations are: BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE, BE SAFE, and BE A LEARNER. I look forward to sharing all about 4th grade on Back to School Night. Please don't hesitate to email me with questions or concerns: schang@barrington220.org. If your preferred method of communication is *not* email, please let me know.

My weekly newsletter will be sent and emailed home every Monday to give you updates on our classroom happenings. On the back will be a crossword puzzle to help students learn the vocabulary words of the week (quizzes on Fridays). Please take the time to visit (and bookmark) my website: www.schangbsd220.weebly.com where I post all classroom information, school events, photos, and important dates. I am also on Twitter as @MrsChangGrove. There is no required homework other than read and log at least 30 minutes daily. I will provide an optional math extra practice packet for each chapter. Please note that fourth graders have a very long morning, and students can bring a healthy snack or two and a water bottle! Snacks must be fresh fruit, veggies, or cheese. No crackers, fruit cups, etc.

I look forward to a year of learning and growing with your child!



Conversation Starters

What are Chang Bucks? How do you earn them or lose them? What can you do with them? What are the 4 Grove Expectations? What did you learn about the solar eclipse? What is your read aloud about? What do you have to record in your reading log? What is the cursive handwriting expectation in 4th grade? What games did you play today? Who is Grove's new assistant principal? Which students have birthdays this week? What is flexible seating? Why are you a co-pilot?

This Week

- In **reading**, we begin the year by establishing a rich reading life. Students will learn that reading intensely and reading lots of within-reach books help to build a foundation to grow substantial ideas. We will read a picture book, Uncle Jed's Barber Shop, to model the skills we will be learning in our first unit on reading fiction. Next week we will begin with the mentor text, The Tiger Rising, to help us interpret characters and understand the heart of the story.
- In **writing**, we begin with writing realistic fiction. We will imagine stories from ordinary moments, develop believable characters with struggles and motivations, and develop a plot with a story arc.
- In **math**, we begin Chapter 1 on Place Value. We will get accounts/passwords on Reflex Math to practice multiplication facts, which will be very important in the next few chapters on factors, multiples, multiplication, and division.
- In **science**, we begin with the animal studies unit. We will create our science notebooks.
- In **word study**, we will cover Unit 1 Part 1 of Word Wisdom. Students can access vocabulary definitions online at quizlet.com. Please see my website for more instructions. Vocabulary quizzes are on Fridays.
- Please help your child clear out photos/videos/files by transferring them to your own devices. We will be downloading new apps and creating new accounts, and adequate storage space is essential.