

Welcome Back

August 21, 2018

Dear Fourth Grade Parents,

We are delighted to be your child's fourth grade teachers. We know the year will be full of exciting learning experiences for your child. It is our hope that your child will excel in all aspects of the educational programs at Lee. Your child will have either Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Rolling or Mrs. Mullane and Mrs. Jones as their teachers. Each teacher teaches the following subjects:

- *Mrs. Cox: Math and Science
- *Mrs. Rolling: Reading, Writing and Social Studies
- *Mrs. Mullane Math and Science
- *Mrs. Jones: Reading, Writing, and Social Studies

Your child will also participate in Art, P.E., Music, Library, Computer, and Spanish. Here are a few items of information that may be helpful to you.

LUNCH SCHEDULE

12:05 - 12:35	Mrs. Rolling
12:10 - 12:40	Mrs. Cox
12:15 - 12:45	Mrs. Jones
12:20 - 12:50	Mrs. Mullane

BACK TO SCHOOL PARENT NIGHT Thursday, September 6 (6:30-7:30)

This is the time for **all** parents to learn what the students will be learning throughout the school year as well as important 4th grade information.

OPEN HOUSE Thursday, March 14

This is the time for your child to show you what he or she has been learning in 4th grade. Your child's work will be displayed in the four classrooms as well as the hallway.

STAAR TEST DATES

Writing - Tuesday, April 9

Math - Monday, May 13

Reading - Tuesday, May 14

GEOGRAPHY DAY Friday, November 9

All K-6 students will participate in Lee's Geography Day. They will select a country to visit and learn about the geography, economics, food, religion, dress, celebrations, government, and education in a mixed age group. Fourth grade is hosting Tunisia.

PARTIES

Holiday Party Thursday, December 20

Valentine Party Thursday, February 14

BIRTHDAYS

If your child is having a birthday, he or she will be recognized in homeroom. **Students are not allowed to bring birthday treats or celebratory items to school.** Parents are still able to bring a special lunch for their child. Party invitations and gifts **may not** be distributed on school grounds.

SNACKS

Students are encouraged to bring a healthy snack to eat during our first block. Some suggestions are: fruit, carrot sticks, crackers, cereal mixes, granola bars, etc.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Fourth graders will be participating in a number of projects this year, including Ecosystems, Science Fair, written essays, and book reports.

BOOK REPORTS

Your child will be assigned book reports throughout the year covering several genres. Reports may include a summary, a project, and an oral presentation. A packet listing requirements and due dates for the entire school year will be sent home with your child soon.

SCIENCE FAIR

Tuesday, January 29

All 4th grade students are required to create a science fair project. In class we will be brainstorming ideas and practicing scientific process skills. The project will be planned and completed at home.

PROGRAMS

The children will take part in two programs this year. The first will be "CELEBRATIONS!" - a school wide production presented on Tuesday, December 18 at 1:30 pm and Wednesday, December 19 at 6:00 pm and 7:15 pm. Our second program will be "TEXAS!" on Thursday, March 14, highlighting the history of our state.

FIELD TRIPS/ CLASS FEES

We have several field trips planned for the year. The Capitol Complex and the Texas State History Museum will be visited, and we will participate in the Austin Nature and Science program Minerals, Rocks, and Fossils. We will collect a one time fee of \$65.00 to cover the entrance and bus costs for field trips and classroom magazines. We ask that the money be given to your child's homeroom teacher by **Friday, September 7.**

Capitol Complex	\$3.00
Texas State History Museum/Lunch	\$15.00
Classroom Incentives	\$10.00
ANSC Rocks, Fossils, Minerals	\$8.00
Time for Kids Magazine	\$5.00
Art in History Project	\$8.00
Neill-Cochran House Museum	\$8.00
Butterfly Cages	\$3.00
Lee School T-shirt	\$5.00
Total	\$65.00

CLASSROOM INCENTIVE SYSTEM

4th graders have a reward system where they are paid weekly for their student responsibilities. They will receive a paycheck each Friday based on their performance that week. Students will also have the opportunity to earn bonuses throughout the week.

ORGANIZATION

This year in order to help students become better organized, all fourth graders are using a binder system with labeled folders for each of the subject areas. At the front of each binder, a **daily planner** can be found where students will be expected to record homework, projects, tests, and other pertinent information. This will help you and your child keep track of upcoming deadlines. Immediately behind the planner will be seven folders: Attention Parents! folder, Homework folder, subject area folders, Spanish folder, and Banking folder.

HOMEWORK

Homework packets will be assigned the first day of each week and are due on Fridays. Your child will be responsible for bringing back the completed assignments. It is his or her responsibility to manage their time appropriately to insure that the work is completed by Friday. Homework assignments are written in your child's planner every Monday. Each homeroom teacher checks and initials the planner on Monday to make sure assignments are written for the week. We ask that you sign the planner Monday night to acknowledge your awareness of these expectations.

TEXT BOOKS

Math - - - - -	<u>Go Math!</u>
Reading - - - - -	<u>Texas Treasures & Novels</u>
Writing - - - - -	<u>Texas Write Source</u>
Science - - - - -	<u>Science Fusion</u>
Social Studies - - - - -	<u>Texas Studies Weekly</u>

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION

On Fridays your child will be bringing home an additional folder. Inside it you will find a Weekly Communication Sheet, which indicates your child's progress throughout the week. Please **sign** and **return** the folder to school on **Monday**.

DAILY ATTENDANCE

In 4th grade it is especially important for your child to be present and **on time** every day. Our school day begins at 7:45 am and ends at 3:00 pm.

Thank you for all the support and encouragement you are giving your child. It makes such a difference in the way your child learns and in his or her motivation to learn! We want this to be a great year for your child. Please do not hesitate to let us know when you have concerns or questions. We encourage you to communicate with us by sending an email to the appropriate teacher. Below are our school email addresses:

Mrs. Cox: shelly.cox@austinisd.org

Mrs. Jones: melissa.m.jones@austinisd.org

Mrs. Rolling terri.rolling@austinisd.org

Mrs. Mullane stacey.mullane@austinisd.org

The phone number at school is **414-2098**. We can be reached during our planning period from **11:15-12:00** by appointment and almost any day after school. We are looking forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

Fourth Grade Teachers