

Fun in Fourth Grade!

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year. We are very excited to have you and your child as part of the Harmony Fourth Grade Family. Monthly newsletters for the upcoming month will be sent through e-mail electronically or a hard copy on an as needed basis on the last Friday of every month, after this one. Newsletters will contain information that applies to each fourth grade class. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email us. We will return your call or e-mail as soon as possible. Thank you for entrusting your child to us this year. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year!!



At Harmony Elementary our students and staff **SOAR!**

What's Happening this Week...

Reading & ELA with Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Cline:

We are so excited to begin this school year with your children! There are great things ahead in Reading/ELA with our shared and interactive reading selections. We are jumping right in with interactive, and the novel is Alabama Moon. Along with writing each day about what we have read, there will be language arts skills taught to help improve the writing. As we learn more about our students' reading skills, we will start our shared selection, which will be Georgia: What's So Great About the State? Reading, writing, and learning is what we are all about! Here's to a fantastic 2017-18 school year.

Social Studies with Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Cline:

This month in Social Studies we will be focusing on our study of the 8 places we need to know and locate in the United States for mastery of our Geography standards. The places we need to know are as follows: Death Valley, The Atlantic Coastal Plain, The St. Lawrence River, The Continental Divide, The Great Lakes, The Great Basin, The Great Plains, and The Gulf of Mexico. After we have completed our Geography unit we will begin discussing our Native American unit where we will learn six important tribes and regions and how they obtained food, clothing, and shelter.

Math with Mrs. Haughwout and Mrs. Segers:

Welcome to 4th grade math! We are very excited for the opportunity to teach your child this year! It will be a wonderful learning and growing year! Our first unit of study of the Georgia Standards of Excellence in math includes whole numbers, place value, and rounding. Your child will learn to read and write numbers up to six digits. He or she also will also learn to compare large numbers using the symbols >(greater than) and <(less than), order numbers from greatest to least or least to greatest, and to round numbers. To do all of this, he or she has to understand the concept of place value—that the value of a digit depends on its place in the number. For example, in the number 327,841, the 7 is in the thousands place. Its value is 7,000. The expectation for the rounding standard is that students have a deep understanding of place value and number sense and can explain and reason about the answers they get when they round. Students should have numerous experiences using a number line and a hundreds chart as tools to support their work with rounding. Students will have daily opportunities for computation practice, estimating, and mental math through Number Talks. Homework will consist of math fact practice and will start the third week of school. We look forward to a wonderful year! If you ever have any questions regarding math, please do not hesitate to email Mrs. Haughwout or Mrs. Segers!

Science with Mrs. Haughwout and Mrs. Segers

Welcome to 4th grade Science! For the first couple of weeks of school our main focus will be on learning about the nature of science. The students will learn about how we observe, investigate, how we use the scientific method as well as many other research skills. The students will learn about using the aspects of the scientific method to study objects and find answers to problems. During the month of August students will also begin learning about states of matter. We will explore how liquid changes to a solid and a gas, how gases changes to a liquid, and how a solid changes to a liquid. With the exploration into the states of matter, students will begin learning about the water cycle which will lead us into our unit on weather. We are so excited to begin this year of learning with this wonderful group of students! If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Haughwout or Mrs. Segers

Strive to do my best
Own my actions
Attitude will be positive
Respect myself and others

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Home & School Academic Connection: Math

Math is all around us. We use it every day, whether we realize it or not! To make a connection, try this activity: over each weekend this month, record how your family uses math in everyday life. Whether it is going to the grocery store, counting the stars in the sky, or by helping out in the kitchen, there is almost always a way to use math at home!



General Information

*If you have a transportation change, please send in a note to your child's homeroom teacher, or call the school. **DO NOT** email changes as we cannot accept changes through email. *All changes need to be in by 1:00pm.*

*Please check weekly folders for grades and other important information when they come home every Friday. Please be sure to sign the communication log on the back.

CAMP Schedule

| | Mon. 8/7 | Tues. 8/8 | Wed. 8/9 | Thurs. 8/10 | Fri. 8/11 |
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| PE | East | South | West | North | East |
| Art | South | West | North | East | South |
| Music | West | North | East | South | West |
| Technology | North | East | South | West | North |

| | Mon. 8/14 | Tues. 8/15 | Wed. 8/16 | Thurs. 8/17 | Fri. 8/18 |
|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| PE | South | West | North | East | South |
| Art | West | North | East | South | West |
| Music | North | East | South | West | North |
| Technology | East | South | West | North | East |

| | Mon. 8/21 | Tues. 8/22 | Wed. 8/23 | Thurs. 8/24 | Fri. 8/25 |
|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| PE | No | North | East | South | West |
| Art | School | East | South | West | North |
| Music | on this | South | West | North | East |
| Technology | Day | West | North | East | South |

| | Mon. 8/28 | Tues. 8/29 | Wed. 8/30 | Thurs. 8/31 | Fri. 9/1 |
|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|
| PE | North | East | South | West | North |
| Art | East | South | West | North | East |
| Music | South | West | North | East | South |
| Technology | West | North | East | South | West |

Cline- North, Haughwout- East, Morgan- South, Segers- West



August 8th – Papa John's Night

August 11th – Volunteer Training

August 17th – Fall Pictures

August 21st – No school due to Solar Eclipse (per GEMA safety guidance)

August 31st – Progress Reports

September 4th – Labor Day Holiday

September 8th – Pastries for Parents & Grandparents Luncheon

September 14th – Title I/ Curriculum Night



Cline/ Haughwout Schedules

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| 7:30-7:45 | Homeroom |
| 7:45-8:15 | Differentiation Reading |
| 8:15-9:00 | Math/ ELA 1 |
| 9:00-9:45 | CAMP |
| 9:45-10:30 | Math/ ELA 1 continued |
| 10:30-11:15 | Science/ S.S. |
| 11:15-11:45 | Lunch |
| 11:45-12:15 | Recess |
| 12:15-1:00 | Science/ S.S. |
| 1:00-2:30 | Math/ ELA 2 |
| 2:35-2:45 | Pack Up/Dismissal |

Morgan/ Segers Schedule

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|-------------|------------------------|
| 7:30-7:45 | Homeroom |
| 7:45-8:15 | Differentiated Reading |
| 8:15-9:00 | Science/ S.S. |
| 9:00-9:45 | CAMP |
| 9:45-11:15 | Math/ ELA |
| 11:15-11:45 | LUNCH |
| 11:45-12:15 | RECESS |
| 12:15-1:45 | Math/ ELA |
| 1:45-2:30 | Science/ S.S. |
| 2:35 | Pack up/ Dismiss |

