WELCOME TO

open house
Fourth Grade
2018-2019
Please be sure to update contact information as needed, both in the office and in the classroom.

Please record a phone number at which you can be reached and/or an email address, if possible, on the circle map provided. Indicate your preferred means of contact and the best time to reach you.
We follow the dress code as outlined in the ECSD Rights & Responsibilities handbook Chapter 9 pg. 62.
We use Whole Brain Teaching’s 5 classroom rules.

1. Follow Directions Quickly
2. Raise Your Hand to Speak
3. Raise Your Hand to Leave Your Seat.
4. Make Smart Choices
5. Keep Our Classroom a Happy Place.
**EXPECTATIONS**

Fourth Grade Expectations are outlined for you on our expectations table. (green form)
If a student is absent for ANY reason, please ALWAYS be sure to send a note. The office requires a signed notice to excuse any absences. Please do not write an explanation on a Citizenship Sheet or other in class paper as we have to turn absentee notes into the office. Without a note, assignments/tests will not be made up and receive a “0”.

- Students have 3 days upon return to school to submit make-up assignments.
- Students must be temperature free for 24 hours before coming back to school. Please help us to keep illness from spreading.
• Students are permitted to enter at about 7:15 a.m.
• Instruction begins at 7:45.
• Dismissal begins at about 1:55 p.m.
Tardies/ check out

- Instruction begins AT 7:45 each morning, so students must be in seat and ready to begin day already.
- Unexcused tardy will affect academics- morning work will be given grade of “0.”
- Please have doctor excuse or dentist note to turn in when checking in child to show tardy is excused otherwise tardy will be unexcused.
- No checkouts after 1:30 to ensure safe dismissal for all students.
If your child’s transportation changes, please write a note so that the office can be notified.

All bus changes require a bus ticket from the transportation office.
All quizzes, tests, and writing papers that receive a grade of 70% or below must be signed and returned. All grades can be viewed on FOCUS grade book, a website provided by ECSD. You’ll only need to register once for the duration of time ANY of your children attend Escambia County schools.
• Homework assignments are recorded each morning.
• Please initial or visually verify.
• Can be used for communication.
We will be utilizing our Reading Wonders series, National Geographic, whole class novels, FL Ready, Scholastic News, and other resources to ensure instructional needs are met.
# READING

## WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

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- ✤ Scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests.
- ✤ Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests.
- ✤ Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

*(Based on research, 2007)*

**WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.**
Our fourth graders practice writing skills each and every day! We also respond to reading in a variety of ways including narrative compositions; informative, explanatory, and opinion essays; and draft friendly letters, author original poetry, and complete projects utilizing google docs and slides.
We use the district curriculum, GO Math. We also supplement using other standards-based resources in order to address the needs of all students. Students will complete spiral quizzes, Mid chapter tests, and chapter tests featuring FSA-style questions. Multiplication facts are also tested to ensure that students have the opportunity to maintain or work toward automaticity.
We use the HMH science curriculum and cross-curricular supplements in order to practice and master grade level science standards. We will also complete numerous project-based learning activities, experiments, and investigations to ensure your child is adequately prepare to tackle fifth grade science and beyond!
Our core curriculum for Florida studies is *Florida Studies Weekly*. We’ll use other standards-based supplements to address student needs as well. This year your child will also participate in our *Famous American Wax Museum*.
There IS NOT mandatory retention based on FSA scores in fourth grade. Scores are used to inform subsequent teachers of student instructional needs, to calculate our school grade, and help with placement in middle school.
Welcome, Students and Families!
This page provides access to general information about the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) and links to other FSA resources.

Helpful Resources
- Graduation Requirements for Florida's Statewide Assessments
- 2018-19 Assessment Schedule
- 2017-18 Assessment Schedule
- 2017-18 FSA English Language Arts and Mathematics Fact Sheet
- 2017-18 FSA End-of-Course Assessments Fact Sheet
- UER Transition for Standards-Based Assessments
- Understanding FSA Reports, Spring 2018 [PDF]
- FSA Mathematics Reference Sheets Packet (Updated 7/24/17) [PDF]
- FSA Calculator and Reference Sheet Policies (Updated 7/24/17)
- Writing Response Papers Template [PDF]
- FSA Writing Rubric Template [PDF]
- FSA Scientific Calculator – Fall 2018 EOC
- FSA Scientific Calculator (Desmos) – Winter 2018 EOC (coming soon)
- Practice Tests Guide [PDF]
FSA testing for ELA includes reading and writing. Both are paper-based.
The FSA-ELA writing test is one 120 minute session. Our testing window is April 1\textsuperscript{st}- 12\textsuperscript{th}, 2019.

Please examine the FSA informational materials provided for an example packet including writing sources, prompt, and pages on which student essays will be drafted.
The FSA-ELA reading test is two 80 minute sessions. Our testing window is May 1st- 14th, 2019.

Please examine the FSA informational materials provided for example questions including multiple choice, editing tasks, multi-select questions, and Part A + Part B questions.
The FSA mathematics test is two 80 minute sessions. Our testing window is May 1\textsuperscript{st}-14\textsuperscript{th}, 2019.

Please examine the FSA informational materials provided for example questions including multiple choice, multi-select questions, open response, and Part A + Part B questions.
If you join us for lunch, please check-in through the front office.

Guest tables are located directly outside our cafeteria or outside in our butterfly garden (weather permitting).
We are permitted to enjoy a prepackaged treat at lunch. Please make sure ingredients labels are included as we do have a few food allergies.
RECESS INFORMATION

We have scheduled recess or indoor free time each day for AT LEAST 20 minutes.

Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate footwear.
Chrome book Policy

Please sign the ECSD chrome book policy letter if it is on your child’s desk.

There will be additional information sent home regarding upcoming home learning activities that incorporate the use of technology.
We will have 2 scheduled Field Trips this year: Tallahassee (April 18th, cost about $65) and Historic Pensacola, (TBD, cost no more than $5).

If you are interested in chaperoning our trip to Tallahassee, please be sure to complete a volunteer form and indicate your interest when informational letters come home. (Each class can usually take about 4 parents to Tallahassee, chosen by Mrs. Fina. Cost is about $65 for chaperones as well and payment is required to reserve a seat.)
Escambia County School District mandates that students who do not display safe behavior at school cannot participate in field trip activities; therefore, students with a Citizenship Grade average of lower than a “B” WILL NOT be able to attend field trips. Any student that receives an office discipline report of a severe nature either while at school or on the bus will not be permitted to attend regardless of Citizenship Grade Average.
IMPORTANT DATES

• Dad’s/ Male Role Model’s Day: 09/26/18
• Beginning of Year Conferences: 10/10/18
• Tallahassee Trip: 04/18/2019

(Other dates can be found on the back page of Beginning of the Year flip book.)
IMPORTANT EVENTS

- School Carnival: TBD- We will send home additional information AS SOON as we receive it.
- Famous American Wax Museum- early- mid April
- Winter Class Celebration- will send information home in early December.
PTA INFORMATION

- Please join, if you haven’t done so already.
- $6 per person
- They support our school and make Pine Meadow a PHENOMENAL school for our children in COUNTLESS ways:
  Student of the Month, Tuesday Helpers, Cookie Dough & Coupon Book fundraisers, Mother’s Day Cakes, Book Fairs, spirit gear, smencils, book swaps, Texas Roadhouse spirit nights, and SO much more!
Please be sure to fill out ECSD’s volunteer form.

Volunteer opportunities include PTA events, field trips, guest speaker, and other classroom activities. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact your child’s teacher.
USEFUL LINKS

http://ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com/families

https://fsassessments.org/users/students-and-families.stml

http://pmes-ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com
Any questions?

Please contact your child’s teacher/
THANK YOU

We appreciate you allowing us the privilege of helping to educate your child and entrusting us with their safety and well-being!