

Welcome to Curriculum Night Mrs. Mucci Fourth Grade Room 409

Who is Mrs. Mucci?

- I've been teaching 4th grade at Webber for 21 years!
- I live in Lake Orion.
- I have a husband and two sons. Anthony is 13 and Joey is 12. They both attend Scripps Middle School.
- In my spare time I like to ride my bike, ski, run, and read.







- Creating and teaching responsibility, organization, and independence are our goals
- Greater expectations as the year progresses in order to foster increased maturity and active learning skills
- Teaching students how to study and plan ahead for long term assignments
 - Note taking, using a variety of study guides, using resources



4th Grade = CHANGE



Report Card

Standards Based Grading

- Report Card-Standards Based Grading
 - 4-Met Standard
 - 3-Consistent Progress Toward Standard
 - 2-Inconsistent Progress Toward Standard
 - 1-Area of Concern

 Semester report card emailed (January and June)
 20-minute Fall Conference 11/9 and 11/11
 20-minute Spring Conference 3/17 and 3/22



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Language Arts

- <u>Reading</u>- Reader's Workshop
 - Focus on Reading to Learn
 - Historical Fiction, Realistic Fiction, Expository Nonfiction, Narrative Nonfiction, Poetry and Biographies
 - Must have text-based evidence to back up claims
 - Assessment
 - Projects
 - Literature Evaluations (typed and <u>done in class</u>)
 - Non-fiction and Fiction
 - Shares (in class)
 - Post-It Note Quizzes
 - Scholastic News
 - Book Contract
 - Social Emotional Read Alouds





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<u>Writing</u>- Writer's Workshop-Students explore themes, character development, author's craft, audience, and writing for a purpose

- Paragraph Writing
- Narrative Writing
- Informational Writing
- Opinion Writing
- Poetry
- Word Study
 - Word Patterns, Vocabulary, Syllables, Prefixes, Suffixes and Homophones (this may be taught via Read Aloud)
 - Grammar
 - Punctuating titles and dialogue correctly and use punctuation for effect
 - Comparative and superlative adjectives and adverbs (-er, -est)
 - Writing complete sentences





<u>Math</u>

- Math Expressions
- Place Value, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division, Multi-Step Word Problems, Fractions, Decimals, Measurement and Geometry
- Showing models, multiple strategies and writing an explanation are some of our expectations.
- Students need to know ALL math facts FLUENTLY! Please purchase or make flashcards 0 - 12 in all operations.

<u>Science</u>

- Phenomenal Science a blend of scientific knowledge, engineering practices and concepts.
 - Students will ask questions, explore and discuss possible solutions, investigate concepts, and participate in scientific argumentation.
 - Unit 1 Energy
 - Unit 2 Information and wave transfer
 - Unit 3 Earth's Systems

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Social Studies

- Economics (Buckaroo Program)
- History
- Civics and Government
- Geography of the United States
 - Students will learn ALL 50 states. They have the opportunity to earn bonuses for knowing the capitals, and abbreviations.

Daily Schedule

- 8:15 Morning Work 8:25 – Read Aloud
- 9:05 Special
- 9:55 Math
- 10:45 11:30 Recess & Lunch
- 11:30 Reading
- 12:30 Writing
- 1:20 Word Study
- 1:35 Snack
- 1:40 Intervention Time
- 2:05 Science or Social Studies
- 3:15 Dismissal



Technology Expectations

- Computers, chargers and headphones are needed daily
- Office 365
 - Used for email and One Drive to save their typed files. All students get a free Office download for Word, Power Point and Excel.
- Keyboarding Skills
- Remind 101
 - Follow this link to join our classroom for quick notes and news from me in an emergency. https://www.remind.com/join/mrsmucci2

PowerSchool

- You were given log in information last year for access to our grading system. This is a great way to check on your child's completed work and grades before the end of the quarter or semester.
- Your child can access using the information below:

Username = first initial, whole last name and graduation year i.e (rmucci27)

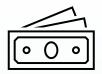
Password = five digit code (each child has their own personal five digit code)

Classroom Expectations

- Follow directions the first time they are given.
- Be respectful and kind to others.
- Be a good listener.
- Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.
- Create good study habits
- 100 % effort at all times



Buckaroo Program



- Economic based management system
- Students learn about opportunity costs, saving money, debits, credits, and a pay stub
- Students that go above and beyond classroom expectations can receive a "bonus" and students that choose not to follow the classroom expectations will be "fined."
- At the end of the month, the students can spend their money on an individual reward, put money towards a classroom reward, or save their money for the following month.

Parent Expectations

- Helping your child prepare for tests by using the study guide and reviewing ahead of time.
- Creating a workspace for your child at home where they can keep important papers, reminders, and supplies.
- Reading with your child at night when you have spare time.
- Cleaning out the TAKE HOME section of the 8-pocket folder with your child and leaving all other papers in remaining sections.

Positivity Project

"The Positivity Project is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping America's youth build stronger relationships by recognizing the character strengths in themselves and others. Their vision is to create citizens and leaders who will enhance our communities and country by internalizing the belief that "Other People Matter."

 ~Positivity Project Family Information Letter

The students will be learning about 24 character traits this school year. Each trait will be focused on for one to two weeks to help students understand them through definition, examples, discussions, and exercises. More information about this project can be found on the website:
www.posproject.org

The Other People Matter Mindset







- You can order online at <u>scholastic.com/readingclub</u>
- Our One-Time Class Activation Code: GXDPK
- First book order is due by September 30th at 9am.

Contact Information



Please contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns at:

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- Seesaw will be a form of communication between school and home. Please use the code below to join Seesaw Family. <u>https://app.seesaw.me/s/910-637-151</u>