

Dear Parents and Students,

Hello and welcome to the fourth grade! I am extremely excited to work with you and your child this year. We are off to a wonderful start! Below are some important classroom rules and procedures I feel you should be aware of:

**Communication:** If you need to contact me, please write me a note, use your child's planner or you can email me at [renee.mucci@lok12.org](mailto:renee.mucci@lok12.org). You may also leave me a voicemail at 248-391-0400 ext. 2018 and I will return your phone call as soon as I am able. Our classroom website is <http://mrsmucci.weebly.com>. It contains our weekly newsletters, valuable information, as well as many fun and educational resources.

**Newsletters:** A newsletter will be sent home every week via email through School Messenger. This newsletter will inform you of what we will be doing in class during the next week and any information about upcoming events. This is an essential tool for keeping you and your child posted on what is happening in school. It is imperative that the School Messenger system has all your updated contact information. **If email is not an option for you, then please notify me as soon as possible, so that a hard copy of the newsletter and other important school notes can be sent home.**

**Homework:** Although it is not assigned homework, your child should read for **at least 30 minutes each night**. This is important to show growth throughout the year. Occasionally, your child might have unfinished classwork as homework. This will be marked in their planner with a HW. This homework is due the following morning. When your child does not have unfinished classwork as homework, practicing their math facts, reading and freewriting are great ways to keep their skills fresh.

**Planners:** The planner is used in grades 3-5. This is a great organizational tool for you and your child. Please go over the planner every night with your student to make sure they have completed all their work and be aware of what we are learning in class. **Sign the planner each night**, since I will be looking for your signature in the morning. Your signature lets me know you have discussed your child's class work, have seen completed assignment(s) and are aware of any upcoming assignments or events.

**8-pocket Folders:** We use an 8-pocket folder to help your child stay organized and transport papers to and from school. We will use these folders daily in fourth grade. Please be on the lookout for the papers in the **take home section** and clean this section out frequently.

**Positivity Project:** As stated in the Positivity Project Family Information Letter:

*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."*

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](http://www.posproject.org)

**Snack:** We will have snack time every afternoon around 1:35 P.M. This snack should be nutritious and **peanut and tree nut free**. Students may also bring in a water bottle, but please stick to water only. There is no gum chewing in our classroom.

**Lunch and Recess:** Fourth graders have recess from 10:45 – 11:07 A.M. and lunch from 11:07 – 11:30 P.M.

**Rules:** The following are some classroom rules that all students need to obey so we can maximize our learning time.

- Follow directions the first time they're given
- Be respectful and kind to others
- Be a good listener
- Walk at all times

**Webber Buckaroos:** For our classroom management, all fourth graders participate in an economic based management program called "Webber Buckaroos." Students are paid \$50 every two weeks based on coming to "work", aka school and completing their work. Throughout the pay period, students have debits (expenses, breaking classroom rules, not having their name on their paper, not turning in homework, and being disrespectful) and have the opportunity to earn credits (going above and beyond on assignments, having an organized desk, helping peers or the teacher). Students will choose how to spend their money monthly on either personal or class rewards. Below you will find the possible fines and the amounts that each fine is worth.

- No Name on Paper - \$2
- Late Assignment - \$5
- Failure to Follow Directions - \$2
- Talking out of Turn - \$1
- Inappropriate Behavior - \$5

**Birthdays:** I allow students to bring in a birthday treat to celebrate their special day. This can be a treat bag or a food item that is **peanut and tree nut free**. Due to district guidelines, any food item must be prepackaged and store bought.

**Safety:** Keeping your child safe and knowing where they are at all times is my number one priority. If your child is going to be sick, please call the office so we know your child will not be in attendance that day. If you do not call the office, they will call you to find out where your child is.

The Webber policy is that your child will follow their normal dismissal routine unless we have a note. I prefer you sending in a paper or note in your child's planner instead of an email regarding these changes just in case I am out of the building when you have a change. You may also call the office up until 2:30 P.M. to notify them of any dismissal changes.

**Specials:** The district is following a weekly rotational special schedule where your child will participate in Media, P.E., Music and Art. Our special time is 9:05 – 9:50 A.M. Please help your child be prepared with proper shoes for P.E. and books for Media. The attached calendar is coded to let you know what Room 409's specials are for the year.

I will send out my Curriculum Night video on September 16<sup>th</sup> via Seesaw. Make sure you have an account set up to access this essential information.

Thank you,

Renee Mucci



## Lake Orion Community Schools

### 2021-2022 Elementary Specials Rotation

Elementary and School Age Childcare Calendar

July 2021						
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Legend Symbols	
	Curriculum Night
	Parent/Teacher Conferences
	End of the Quarter/Semester
	AM Specials Schedule (1/2 Day)
	PM Specials Schedule (1/2 Day)
	Music
	Art
	Media
	P.E.
	Work Day (Full Day)

Important Dates	
September 7	First Day of School
September 16	Curriculum Night
November 9, 11	Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 24-26	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 22 - Jan 2	Holiday Break
January 21	End of First Semester
February 21-22	Mid-Winter Break
March 17, 22	Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 28-April 1	Spring Break
June 10	Last Day of School