



Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to NCVA! It's a new school year! We are so excited to be your child's 4th grade teachers this year. We are going to have a great time learning about so many things in a way that will engage and energize your child's love of learning!

The fourth-grade team is an amazing group of ladies whose love of education and all things learning is apparent through their students each and every day! Mrs. Dilday, Ms. Hann, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Shanahan, Mrs. Sieg, and Mrs. Claudio have a wealth of experience and can't wait to share it with each of you throughout the year! To get to know us a little better, check out this fun video we made just for you! <http://safeYouTube.net/w/q9ce>

We will be reaching out to you by phone over the next week or two. In preparation for our call, please take a few moments fill out this survey: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdWQ9AKA3Vkg-D4lY4C3B87DTUZmAbimQ_YPFfAmrOQvDdWVw/viewform

Please note the following important items below:

1. The courses in the Online School are updated this year. We are really excited about the changes and believe that you will be also. You'll learn more about the changes at our Orientation on the first day of school. Due to the changes, some of the courses are not yet ready for us to build classrooms and load students. If you notice that your child is missing a course, please be patient as we are building classrooms as soon as we get the green light.
2. Online Learning Course: You should complete this course fully before starting your core courses. Even though you have courses in your Online School, you are not required to start working until August 22nd. We encourage you to wait to start working on your core courses until the first day of school, as all attendance and work logged prior to the start date will be reset on the 22nd.
3. All students must take a required, initial diagnostic assessment this year. The diagnostic assessment helps us to know how to best support your child. We ask that you allow your child to complete the assessment on their own. Please do not help your child complete the assessment. More information about how to login to the system will be coming soon. K-5 students will also complete the DIBELS assessment with their teacher. I will schedule a time with you to take the DIBELS assessment once school starts.
This year we will provide opportunities for students to take their DIBELS assessment face to face. Our goal is for every student to test face to face at least once throughout the year. Please be on the lookout for face to face testing opportunities over the next few weeks.
4. Over the next few days, you'll receive an email with the link to the Parent Handbook. We ask that you read it and sign the last page confirming you've read it.
5. There will be an on-line Welcome Back Orientation session for all students on Wednesday, August 22nd. Please make sure that you check your class connect invite calendar to access this session on the first day of school. We will have a second orientation the 27th if you cannot attend the one on the 22nd. You do not have to attend both but attending one is required.

Here are a few expectations that I will have for your child this year. They are:

1. To have fun learning!
2. To promote a desire for lifelong learning.

3. To learn respect for others and to demonstrate this respect for others appropriately.
4. To complete OLS assignments daily and attend and participate in required Blackboard Collaborate sessions.
5. To try, try again if you are struggling with something. Give 100% in all you do!
6. Stay in contact with your teachers so that we can help in the best way possible!

We are looking forward to a great year with you and your child. Information will be coming by email regarding the first week of school, so please check your email daily. We will see you very soon!

Sincerely,

The Fourth Grade Team

Office phone: 919-346-0121