

Fourth Grade

A fun, fabulous, friendly family!

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3rd Graders Step Up!

4th Grade is an Exciting Year

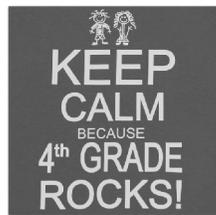
As students, you will be kicking it into high gear. You will be reading up a storm and will be thinking about books in a deeper and more thorough way than ever before. In science, it will be all hands in, when you answer questions such as, *“How do physical and behavioral adaptations support animals’ survival? How can water, ice, wind, and vegetation change the land? What is energy and how is it related to motion? How is energy transferred?”* You can look forward to diving deeply into understanding of multiplication and fractions. As a writer, you’ll be seeing the world as one giant story, and Vermont will come alive during social studies class. The possibilities of what you will learn are endless, and we are so excited to get to know each and every one of you. We know this will be one of your best years yet.

Mrs. West and Mrs. Gilbert.



Your Team of Teachers

Linda Gilbert- educator
Lanni Luce West- educator
Liz Borger- special educator
Carrie Wells- special educator



Our open door co-teaching model will probably look different next year.

We have been using an instructional model where the teachers share responsibility for the whole fourth grade. Both Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. West are physically present all day with joint and equal responsibility for classroom instruction. Mrs. Borger, Mrs. Wells, and educational support personnel are present as their schedule allows. The wall that would usually separate the two classrooms has a folding door that has been open all or most of the time. This model allows all students to take advantage of the expertise of both teachers who collaborate to develop instructional ideas that are more effective for students. Two

heads and four hands make planning and implementing differentiation possible on a daily basis. Access to more adults allows students to get help immediately. A natural outcome for co-teaching classrooms is that there are two sets of eyes for monitoring students and two teachers to mix things up and make learning more interesting. This model shares the message that all students have strengths and weaknesses, and all students are worthwhile.



School Supplies Needed- Due to covid-19, it will be important that every kid have their own supplies

- soft tissues
- clorox wipes
- pencils
- a small pencil box
- colored pencils
- enclosed pencil sharpener
- erasers (pencil toppers)
- scissors

