

Dear 4th Grade Families,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer! I plan to squeeze every last drop out of these long sunny days. However, I am also back in the classroom preparing for the 4th graders and am looking forward to an exciting year. The 4th grade curriculum is my favorite! Please read all information below and rsvp as needed to spowell@eugenevillageschool.org. I hope to see most of you, along with your child, prior to the first day of school.

Important Dates

~You are all invited to a *dessert and fruit potluck on Monday, August 27th*, from 7:00-8:00PM at Friendly Park, located at 27th and Monroe. Please bring a dessert or fruit to share, as well as your own plates and utensils. I will provide cups and drinks. *(Please rsvp)*

~I also invite you, along with your child, to visit and help me in the classroom on *Tuesday, August 28th*, any time between 10:00-4:00PM. *(Please rsvp)*

Important Information to start the year

School Supplies: Please do not have your child bring any supplies to school. I order enough materials so that every student has exactly what he/she needs in the classroom for the entire year. The Village School asks every family to contribute \$80 toward their child's school supplies. See the office for more details and to make payment arrangements.

Supplies for home: In 4th grade there will be weekly homework. A quiet, well-lit, tidy space for your child to do homework is essential. Graphite pencils, colored pencils, crayons and wide-ruled loose leaf paper is helpful to have at home.

Backpacks: We will be taking several field trips this year. Each child needs a backpack for carrying a snack/lunch, a water bottle and supplies as needed. Packs can be used daily for homework and other needs, or saved for field trips only.

Clothing for school: Providing layers for your child is essential in our climate. In the fall the classroom may be cool in the morning and quite warm in the afternoon. If possible, consider leaving a hoodie or sweater at school for your child to wear in the classroom. When the weather becomes wet and muddy I will require boots, hats and raincoats. Also, please bring a *full change of clothes* in a small bag that can stay at school. ***Please label all items with your child's name.***

Snack: Provide a healthy snack for your child every day. Please save treats, chocolate and gummy snacks for home. These foods tend to be distracting.

Lunch: The Village School serves a freshly made lunch every day. Please refer to the menu on the VS website. If you do not wish to purchase a lunch, please pack a healthy balanced meal for your child. Again, save treats for home.

I am looking forward to the new school year! Feel free to email me with any questions or concerns. Enjoy the last few weeks of summer!

~Ms. Shannon