

September 3, 2009

Saint Gregory's School

Miss Harrington

Back to School

4th Grade

There is a brilliant child
Locked inside every student
- Marva Collins

Dear Fourth Grade Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for entrusting me with your children each day. Though I am still in the process of getting to know them, I can honestly say that this will be a year of great growth and challenge. I look so forward to this journey.

Fourth grade is a very exciting time. In fact, it has a reputation of being one of those “jump years” (a year when work and progress really escalate). Some experts have suggested it as the target year for when a child’s true ability surfaces. That being said, it may take some time for them to get adjusted to the expectations set before them. You may have already felt that uphill climb. Academically, the goal is to keep that level of comprehension building with the stress level at a minimum. Developmentally, we will work on responsibility and accountability. Did I mention growth and challenge? :O)

Fourth grade is also the first year the children will receive progress reports and the chance to make “Honor Roll”. While this may really help accountability, it may also cause some worry. I hope that you will find the Thursday envelopes useful. It should give you a fair idea where your child stands even before progress reports are distributed. I will do my best to keep all lines of communication open. I feel it is very important for every child in our class to be successful and parent/teacher communication is definitely a key factor. Please do not hesitate to contact me here at school via phone or EMAIL if you have any questions or concerns.

When I met your children at the end of last year I mentioned to them that we would be fourth graders for the first time together. My situation is unique in that I know where the students left off, now where we are going will be an adventure. We all have much to learn, myself included. I pray that this year will be a positive experience in everyway possible. I am so thrilled to be here at Saint Gregs. I have already felt an overwhelming sense of community, largely because of all the wonderful parents and families. Thank you in advance for all of your support. Here’s to a great year!!!!

**Sincerely,
Gennine Harrington**

4th Grade Schedule

Monday

8:50 - 9:30 **Science**
9:40 - 10:10 **Computers (Social Studies)**
10:30- 11:00 **Computers (Social Studies)**

Tuesday

12:55 - 1:30 **PE**
10:30 - 11:15 **Computers**
11:15 - 12:00 **Computers**

Wednesday

9:00-9:50 **Science**
1:00-1:30 **Music**

Thursday

9:30 - 10:00 **PE**

Friday

10:30-12:00 **Library**

Snack & recess **10:10 - 10:30 daily**

Lunch & recess **12:00 - 12:40 daily**