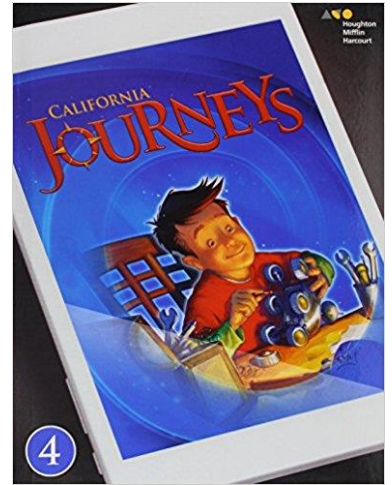


Dear Fourth Grade Families,

Welcome back to school!

This year we are using Journeys, a comprehensive, K–5 evidence-based, English Language Arts program. In grade four, students will continue to build important reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. They will read more challenging literature, articles, and other sources of information and continue to grow their vocabulary. They will also be expected to clearly explain in detail what they have read by referring to details or information from the text. In writing, students will organize their ideas and develop topics with reasons, facts, details, and other information. Fourth grade students will:



- Describe the basic elements of stories — such as characters, events, and settings — by drawing on specific details in the text
- Pay close attention to key features of informational books and articles: these include understanding the main and supporting ideas; being able to compare and contrast information; and explaining how the author uses facts, details, and evidence to support particular points
- Compare ideas, characters, events, and settings in stories and myths from different cultures
- Write summaries or opinions about topics supported with a set of well-organized facts, details, and examples
- Paraphrase and respond to information presented in discussions, such as comparing and contrasting ideas and analyzing evidence that speakers use to support particular points
- Write complete sentences with correct capitalization and spelling

There are many ways you can help your child at home. Invite your child to talk about what he/she is learning each day in class. Encourage your child to read each night exploring different genres.

Your child can access Journeys at home using his/her personal login & password. Students can read/listen to the week's anchor text, paired text, and leveled readers.

Remember, it is important to instill a love of reading in every child.

Please encourage your child to read daily.