



Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and to let you know how delighted I am to have your child in my Language Arts Reading class. Fourth grade will be an exciting year as we will delve into fundamental reading and writing skills through the use of various reading genres. I believe that this is a crucial grade where we reinforce and build upon the solid foundation that was built throughout the previous years. I will focus on fostering effective writers and encourage critical thinkers. With your added support at home, we can have a wonderful partnership in your child's educational success and well-being.

I am enclosing my class policy and procedures. If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at florence.martin@archimedean.org

Sincerely,

Ms. Florence Martin





PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

If you would like to meet with me, I will be available from 7:30am-7:55am OR 3:30pm-3:55pm. Please note the 4th grade team normally meets together for in person meetings.

***Meetings can be requested and confirmed via my Archimedean email.**



HOME LEARNING

- When we begin iReady lessons, **the required 45 minutes** will be a separate homework grade for **Reading**.
***Please see the attached rubric below for iReady lessons.**
- Any work not finished during our allotted time together may be completed for homework.



BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT



ClassDojo

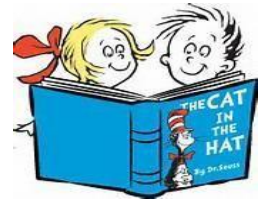
Martin's Monsters is a tool I will use to encourage positive behaviors. Each scholar will be assigned a monster on **CLASS DOJO**. Scholars will have the opportunity to earn points based on their **participation, helping others, being on task, persistence, and teamwork.**

REWARDS



Scholars with a certain amount of points will receive a no homework pass, treasure box, and participation in special Friday class activities, i.e., Just Dance, Kahoot it! games, screen free time, etc.

READING & VOCABULARY



Reading resources used for building comprehension skills will include, but are not limited to:

Archimedean Academy Approved Reading Series: HMH

Scholastic Reading Club: See letter below of the novels we will be reading this year.

****Students will be assessed on a weekly basis through unit reading tests. All tests will be announced in our weekly newsletter.**

WRITING



Seesaw

Every day, scholars will be given a topic or prompt to reflect on and write about in either their **Seesaw** online journal or class notebook. Scholars will write a variety of pieces throughout the year that include narrative, poetry, informative, and opinion. Scholars will be graded on these pieces of writing; however it is up to the teacher's discretion on whether they will be counted as a class work, homework, quiz, or test grade; as the ultimate goal is to foster lifelong creative writers.



SPELLING

In fourth grade, scholars will have spelling quizzes based on the weekly skill. For example, if the skill is “ai” scholars will be assessed on various words with that spelling pattern. Scholars will be asked to write their words in the context of a sentence dictated by the teacher. They will be graded on the correct spelling of the word, using appropriate capitalization, punctuation, and grade appropriate grammar rules.



SOCIAL STUDIES

This year, social studies will be taught through the Language Arts curriculum. Scholars in 4th grade will study and research the beautiful Sunshine State of Florida through various sources including online novels, Brain Pop, the SS Weekly Magazine, online news sources, such as Time for Kids, and non-fiction content-based reading passages. Scholars will be assessed on their knowledge using authentic assessments, such as projects as well as more formal assessments that include online reading comprehension passages.





Reading/Language Arts/Social Studies are weighted as follows:

Tests: 40%

Quizzes: 30%

Classwork: 20%

Homework: 10%

Grades can be viewed on the Miami Dade County Public Schools Portal. Username is your child's ID# and the password is their birth month, birth date, year, and the first and last initials of their name. For example: 030912em

Access to M-DCPS network resources is contingent upon appropriate use of the system, pursuant to the Network Security Standards (<https://policies.dadeschools.net>). System usage may be monitored and recorded. Unauthorized or inappropriate use will be subject to disciplinary action (up to and including civil penalties and/or criminal prosecution); Use of this system constitutes consent to monitoring for compliance.

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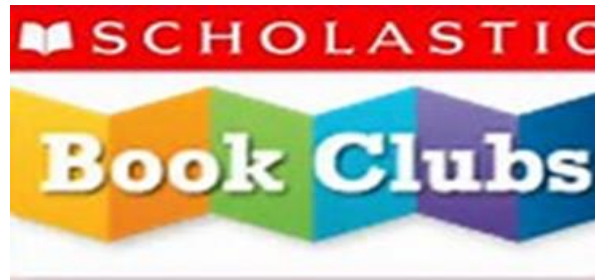
Password

☐ Remember Username

Login

[Forgot Username/Password?](#) | [Create an Account](#)

Parents, please note that it is the scholar's responsibility to monitor their grades. If there is a grade you or the scholar is unsure of or have questions about, it is imperative that you email the teacher immediately after a grade is input in Grade Book, as it is very hard to remedy a problem if you notify us weeks later and/or at the end of the grading period.



Book Club Order Due Date : Friday, September 1, 2023

www.scholastic.com/bookclubs

Class Activation Code: NC779

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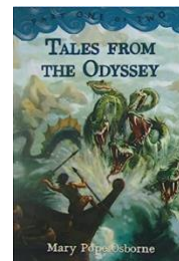
Sometimes the right book is all it takes to nurture a child's love of reading. That's why we are pleased that our class will be participating in Scholastic Book Clubs. This year the Language Arts teachers will be covering a variety of genres through the use of novels. We are extremely excited about the opportunity to expose your child to the amazing world of literature. We will be reading novels during each nine weeks. We are asking that all parents order the following novels through the Scholastic website by no later than **Friday, September 1, 2023**. **If these books are not available on Scholastic, please order in whatever fashion is most convenient for you.**

Books to Order:

1) 4D & 4E **Percy Jackson and The Olympians: The Lightning Thief** by Rick Riordan



4C **Tales From The Odyssey** by Mary Pope Osborne



2) **Who Was Ponce de León?** by Pam Pollack & Meg Belviso



Thank you for your support and encouragement. Together we will foster your child's love for reading.

Ms. Martin



Dear Parents,

The Language Arts department is streamlining our **iReady Grading** scales so that all professors, in the Language Arts department, are grading iReady lessons the same. We will be utilizing the iReady program during our class time, as well as assigning individual lessons for home learning. Our policy and procedures for each component is as follows:

Home Learning:

- iReady will be given a **separate homework grade weekly**. The recommended time frame from Miami-Dade County Public Schools is 45 minutes for a scholar on grade level. Any additional minutes required will be supplemented during class hours.
- The following scale will be used for grading home learning, based on the number of minutes **completed**:
 - **45-40 – 100% A**
 - **39-34 – 80% B**
 - **33-28 – 70% C**
 - **27-22 – 60% D**
 - **21-16 – 50% F**
 - **15-10 – 20% F**
 - **9 – 0 – 0% F**

Classwork:

Scholars will have the opportunity to work on their individualized lessons within their Language Arts classes during small group/centers. These minutes may be counted toward their home learning assignment.

Professors may assign, grade level, whole group lessons that each scholar will complete during our class time together. For example, if the comprehension skill of the week is **Main Idea and Key Details**, professors may assign that lesson to the entire class and use the scholars' individual score as a weekly quiz or test grade. Please note that if scholars do not complete their 45 minutes weekly, it will result in a 0 (zero) in the gradebook. Professors will not accept scholars trying to make up their minutes the following week, as it is overwhelming and time consuming to the scholar.

As always, thank you for your continued support in your child's education.

4th Grade ELA Class Policy and Procedures Contract

****Please review the class policy and procedures, and sign and return this page by Friday, August 25, 2023.**

Student's Name: _____ Section: _____

Guardian: _____

Date: _____