

Welcome Back to School

4th Grade Team

Mrs. Bailey

Mrs. Allen

Mrs. Taylor

Mrs. Testerman



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Mission

- Our teachers are dedicated to teaching and providing students opportunities to become skillful learners who take ownership in their learning. As a charter school, TSMA has the ability to operate and implement programs that rise above the status quo. Standards Based Learning, complimented with Standards Based Grading is one of those programs. This program helps to provide both students and parents a clearer indication of what has been learned, while also developing a stronger foundation for our students future learning as they move to the next grade level.

Attendance



- Students are tardy after 8:15 and will need to get a tardy slip from the office.
- Parents should keep doctor/dental notes for their record.
- After a student has accumulated more than 10 days of absences, tardies, or early checkouts, the parents will be asked to submit doctor or dentist notes.

Grading System

- We use a standards based grading system in grades K-6th.
- Student scores will be updated at online through Canvas and McKeel Systems. Papers will come home in the “Take Home” folder periodically. Please sign the folder at interim and report card time.
- Please remember that a level 4 does not mean a grade of A. The levels of 4,3,2,1 are a student’s level of performance for a specific skill within the 9 weeks.



Canvas

- We are using Canvas as our online platform for classwork assignments, activities, and formatives.
- Most summative test will be administered on paper or need a code to access on Canvas.
- Parents are encouraged to log into Canvas and Mckee systems to check grades on a regular basis.
- A data folder will be sent home periodically with a sign in sheet. Please review the papers inside the brads but do not remove them. All papers in the front pocket may be removed and kept at home.



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- At Home Practice: Read for 20 minutes daily
- Math: Please continue to study Multiplication and Division Fluency weekly.
- Other practice will be assigned as needed.

At Home Practice



Behavior

- The Student Contract is located in the agenda.
- Classrooms may earn Paw- Print Parties. When classes are caught being good they earn a Paw Print. The classroom teacher will track the rewards in class. Once 25 Paw-Prints have been earned a celebration will take place. (Let your child's teacher know if you would like to help donate to the Paw- Print celebrations).
- Teachers may also have their own positive behavior system that they use in the classroom (Ex: Super Improver)
- Grade Level Wide: Students could receive Incident reports (warning), Minor Infractions (repeated offense), Major Infractions.
- Infractions and Office Referrals will be sent to you electronically. Look for "Paw-sitive" Behavior Referrals, which will also be sent electronically.

Communication

- Agendas
- Email
- Phone Calls
- Conferences
- Data Folders



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Dress Code

- Students need to obey the dress code each day, including wearing a belt if bottoms have belt loops.
- Jackets must be solid navy blue, and please write the child's name on the tag.
- Long sleeved shirts worn under polos must be solid white or gray.
- Legging colors are solid white, black, or gray.
- Jeans must be plain and free of rips.





- McKeel Academy Central will recognize student birthdays on a weekly basis at school.
- Please do not send in food or invitations for celebrations.

Birthdays



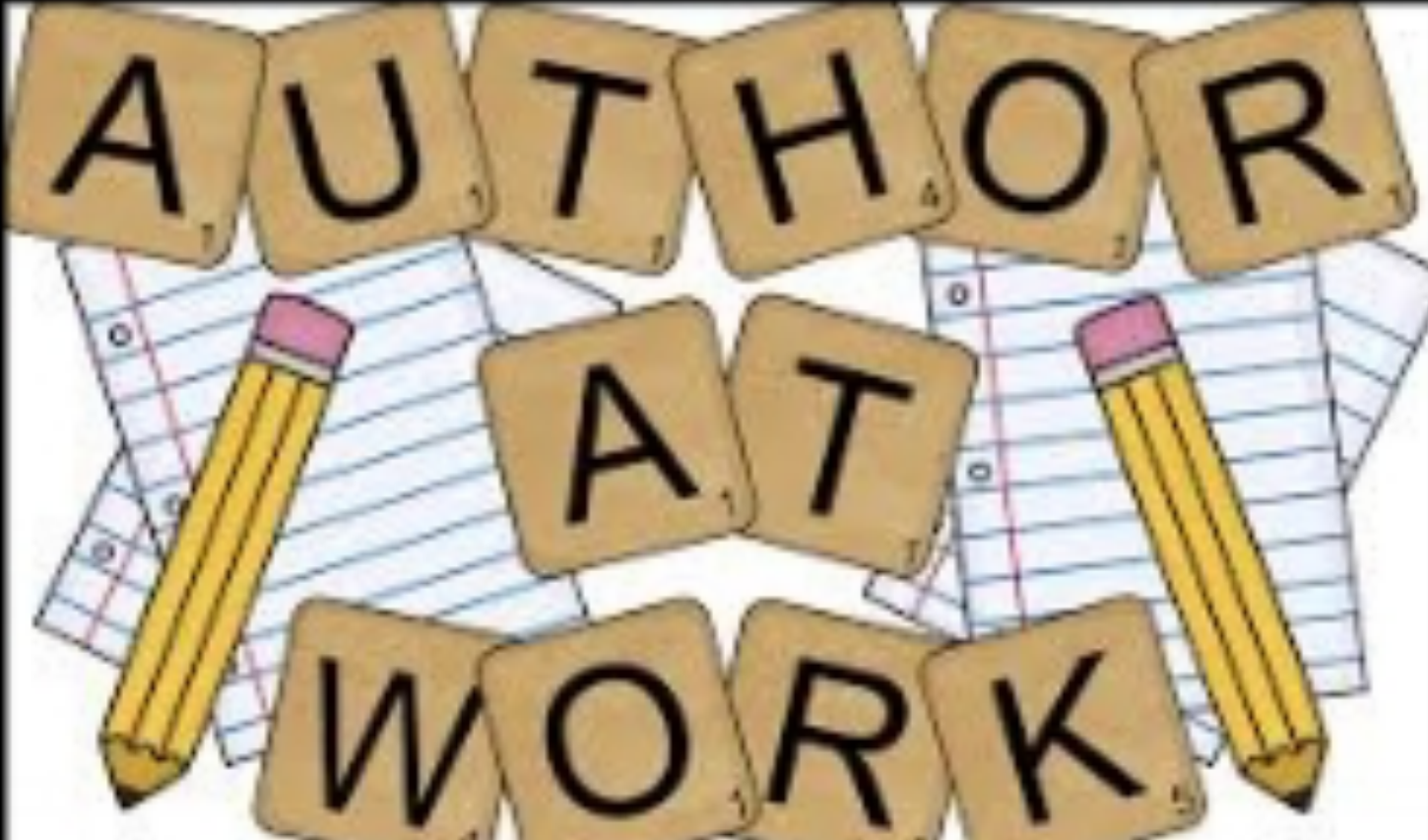
Reading

- Reading with your child and asking questions about what they are reading will help your child grow in language arts.
- Please refer to the class newsletter for skills we are working during the week. You may use the websites provided on our webpage for additional practice. We use IXL and EPIC. Login information is in your child's agenda.
- AR goals and levels will be inside the "Take Home" folder.



- AR goals will be set by the language arts teacher (Mrs. Allen or Mrs. Testerman).
- Students will be aware of their AR goal. It will be listed in each student's agenda each grading period as well.
- You can sign up for home connect to see emails when your child takes an AR test.
- Students can earn a grade level AR reward each 9 weeks.

AR Goals



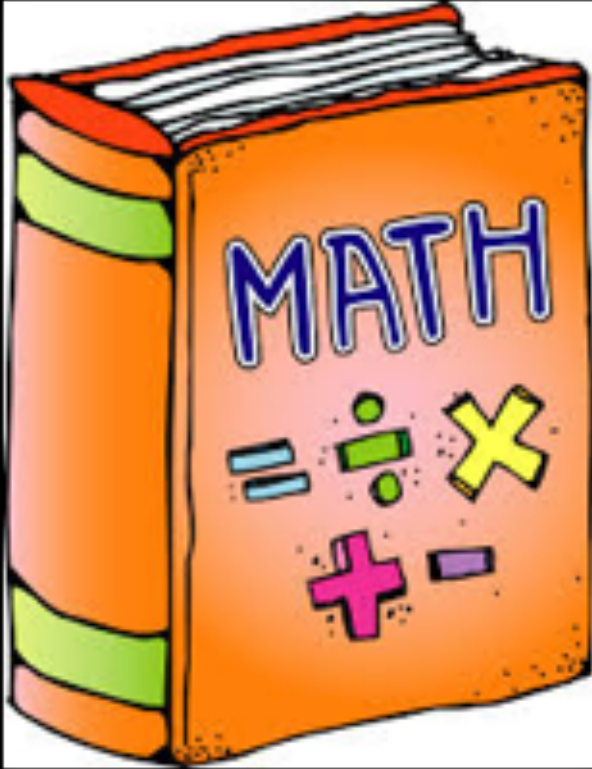
- Writing is a major focus this year.
- Writing is a complex skill and takes time to develop.
- As we send samples home, please talk to your child about their writing. Encourage them to grow and continue working, even when it gets difficult.

Writing



Social Studies

- We are diving into Florida history this year.
- Students will be knowledgeable and excited to learn about St. Augustine and the rich history that occurred there.

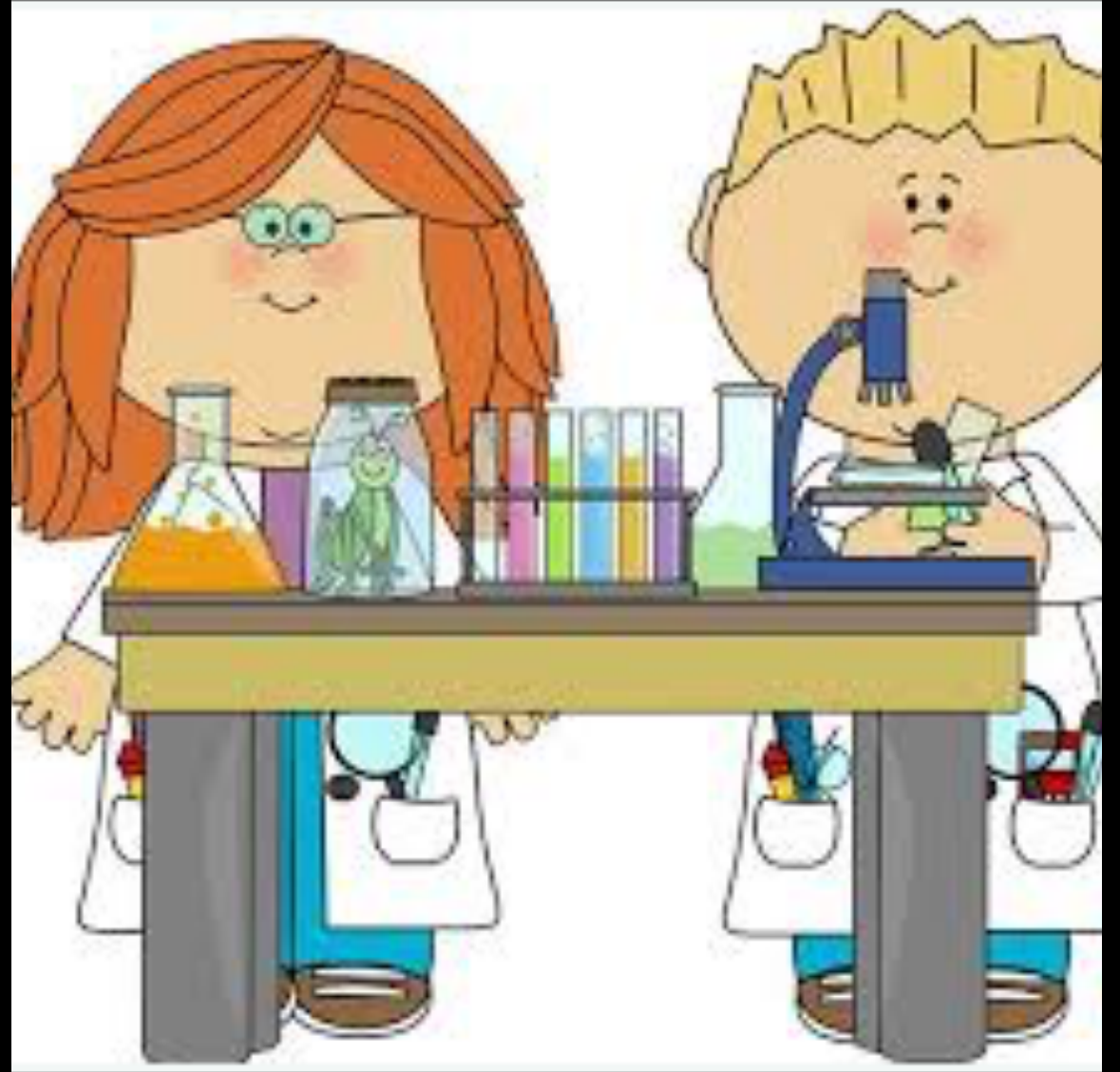


Math

- The biggest thing you can do at home to help your child be successful in 4th grade math is to work with them on multiplication and division facts. The curriculum revolves around multiplication and division.
- Some of the resources we will use this year include: Zearn and IXL.

Science

- Science involves many inquiry based hands-on activities.
- Students will have to complete an independent science fair project this year. The project will begin in January, and students will have approximately 6 weeks to complete it with weekly progress checks with the teacher.



Fall Dues

Please log into the McKeel Online Office and click the button Semester Dues.


Semester dues are \$25.

Semester dues allow our grade level to give students grade level shirts and fund field trips in the second quarter.

Below is a list of school and grade level specific items that can be paid for online. Choose the items that you would like to pay for below by clicking on the checkmark and press the **Continue** button below to proceed continue and review your selections before paying.

<div>4th Grade - Semester Dues</div> <div>\$25</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div> <div>4th Grade - Semester Dues</div>	<div>Friday Jeans Day - Full Year</div> <div>\$35</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div> <div>Friday Jeans Day - Full Year</div>
<div>Continue</div> <div>Cancel</div>	



A yellow school bus is parked in front of a grand, classical-style building with large arched windows and ornate stone carvings. The bus has "SCHOOL BUS" and "EMERGENCY DOOR" written on its side. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid on the image, containing the text "Field trips are on hold for now. Information to come." in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

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MAC PTO

Help support the teachers and staff with enhancing and enriching the educational opportunities for our students.

With your support the MAC PTO has been able to:

- Provide yearly grants to all teachers to support their educational instruction
- Support House Activities
- Purchase Playground Equipment
- Purchase 3-D printers & Technology Equipment
- Purchase New Gym Bleachers
- Purchase Banner/Sign Machine
- Sponsor Science Nights
- Sponsor Teacher Appreciation Week/Breakfasts/Luncheons
- Sponsor Teacher Birthday Gifts
- Book Fair Support
- Sponsor the MAC Christmas Float
- Sponsor Field Trips
- Sponsor Spirit Nights
- Sponsor Father/Daughter Dance & Mother/Son Event



How you can help support the MAC PTO!

For more information email:

macpto@mckeelschools.com

- Like the McKeel Academy Central PTO Facebook Page (Maroon Paw)
- Join the PTO as a Member for \$5 per Family (Form to be filled out)
- Purchase a Parent Spirit Shirt (only 31 left to sell, Regular \$15, ¾ Sleeve \$20)
- Sponsor a Gym Paw Print for \$25 (form to be filled out)
- Support the Walk-A-Thon the PTO's biggest fundraiser
- Send in all Grocery Receipts with your child (PTO will scan the receipt using the Box Top for Education App)
- Use SMILE.AMAZON.COM to shop online (choose McKeel Elementary Academy as your charity (our previous name))
- Attend the Monthly Spirit Nights at local Lakeland eating establishments
- Volunteer with the PTO and in your students classroom