

Daily Schedule

- Each morning starts with filling out the planners and our Daily Fix It.

Binder: Your child's binder is his/her main organizational tool at school. Please check your child's planner for upcoming events, tests, quizzes, and homework.

Please remove and review all graded work. This is sent home daily.

Morning

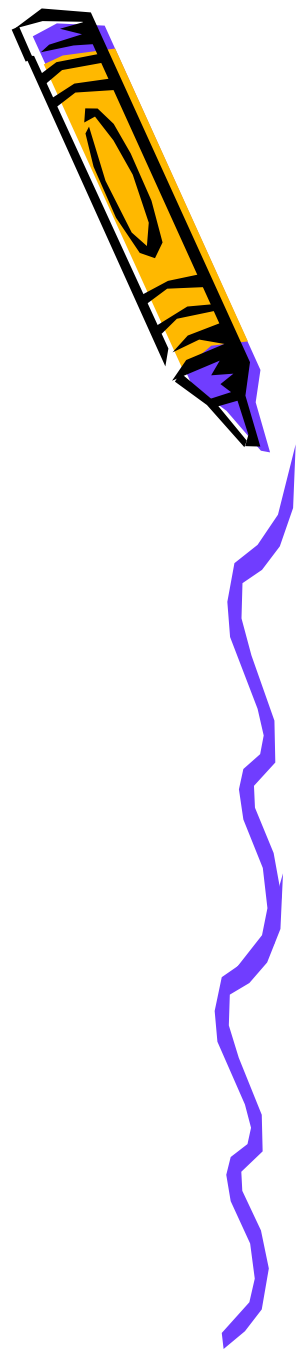
- Reading
- Language Arts
- Math

Afternoon

Specials
Science/Social Studies



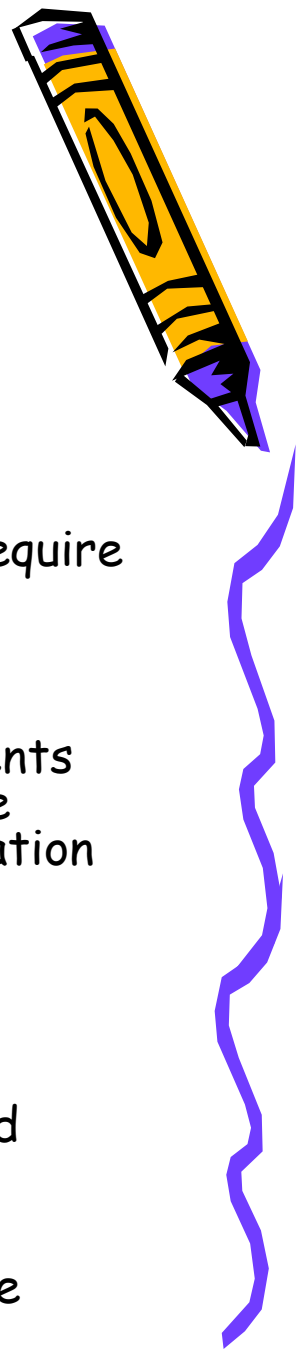
SPECIALS SCHEDULE



MONDAY	Art	1:15-2:15
TUESDAY	Library	11:10-11:40
**Early Release 1:15		
WEDNESDAY	Music	1:15-2:15
THURSDAY	PE	1:25-2:15
FRIDAY	Computers	1:25-2:15



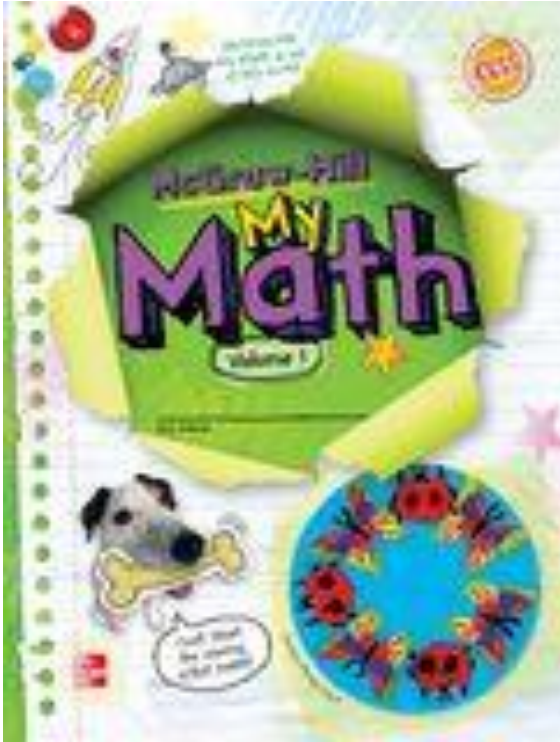
HOMework



- Monday through Friday
- Math, Language Arts, and 30 minutes of Reading
- Other assignments as needed
- Reading calendars are turned in the first of the month and require parent signature
- Grading (+, -) The homework is held accountable by using a pass/fail system. A minus is a fail and a plus is a pass. Students may correct any work that is a C and below. This will help the student gain more practice to master the concepts in preparation for tests and quizzes.
- Test dates are recorded in planner
- Long term assignments are recorded on calendar in binder and planner
- Homework must be turned in daily or it will affect their grade



My Math



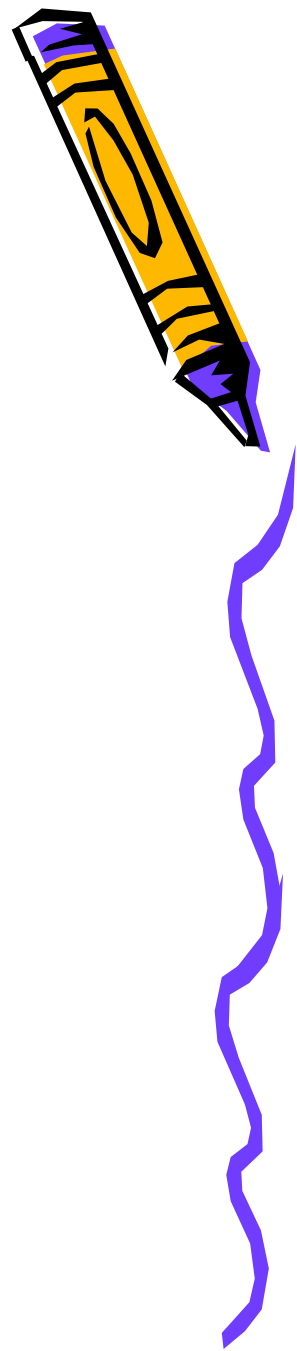
- Aligned to Common Core and State standards and each lesson is correlated to a specific standard.
- Homework is in the book eliminating the need to make copies. If your child forgets their HW they can log on and print off a new one.
- Technology component. Reteach and Extensions. Follows exactly what was done in class.
- Login information will be coming home in the next week. Bookmark the site.



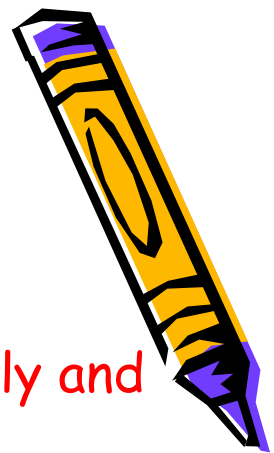
READING STREET



- Text based comprehension
- Vocabulary
- Phonics/Grammar
- Spelling
- Writing
- Conventions
- Listening and Speaking
- Fluency
- Every unit has 5 stories.
There is a unit test at the end to test on each skill worked on during that time.



Subjects



- Math: My Math

***Math Facts are SO SO important! They'll be tested weekly and receive a grade on their report card.

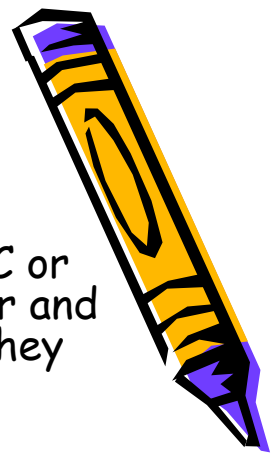
- Reading/Language Arts: Reading Street, Literature Studies, Reading Calendars 30 min. each night. Greek and Latin root words to come.
- Spelling-Words given on Monday, test every Friday.
- Social Studies: Arizona History, Geography, Economics
- Science: Scientific Method, Scientists, Weather, Magnets & Electricity, Natural Disasters, Adaptation, Mimicry, Landforms, Water Cycle, etc.

Online resources for Math and Reading are coming!

Students may bring devices to enhance learning such as ipads, ipods, Kindles, etc.



GRADING POLICIES



- ALL class work and homework may be redone for a better grade if it is a C or below. They just need to write "redone" or "fixed" at the top of the paper and turn it back in. Tests may NOT be redone. If I write "redo" on a paper they MUST fix it and turn it back in.
- 4's are different than 3's. 100% is NOT a 4. Examples: dictation challenge words, verbal/observational assessments in class, higher level activities, open response math tests, initiated projects.
- Grades are determined through a combination of assessment procedures including classroom observations, group participation, completing and turning in assignments, informal and formal grades.
- Graded work will come home throughout the week. Please check your child's backpack and the parent portal.

***Grading on report cards**

***letter grades A-F**

***standards based 4,3,2,1**

***tests/quizzes 50%**

class work 30%

homework/projects 20%

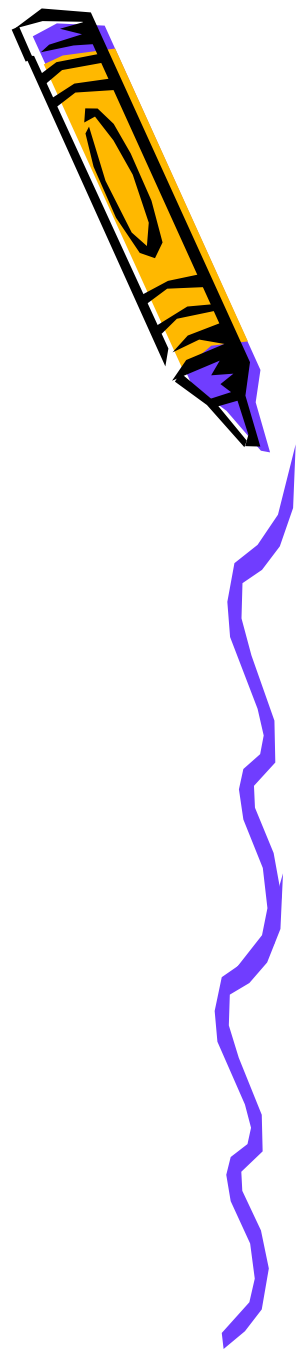
***Parent Portal open soon**

grades updated every other week



Grading periods

- August 6----October 9
- October 19----December 17
- January 4----March 11
- March 21----May 19



Absences



Absent Work: Per district policy, absent work will be given to the student when they return from the absence. The student has as many days as they were absent to complete and return the work to their teacher. It is the students' responsibility to complete and return all absent work in a timely manner.

Please be aware that the in class instruction/activities that are missed are valuable and sometimes cannot be duplicated.



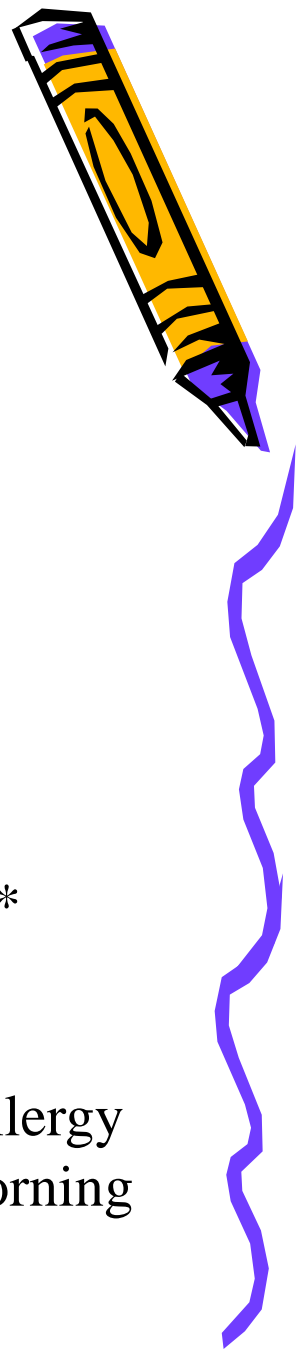
SPECIAL EVENTS

National Park Pass free to 4th graders and their families!

Gingerbread Houses (Before Winter Holiday)

- Tucson Water Co. will visit and speak to our students.
- TEP will also visit and demonstrate electrical safety.
- Arizona Game and Fish AZ's 104th B-day!!!!
- Fourth Grade Musical-Cruisin' Arizona-October 1st
- Field Trips (Kartchner Caverns, Tubac, Archeological Dig)**
- Guest Speakers (Mad Science, AZ Historical Society)**

-Birthday Treats are great but try for Nut Free. We have an allergy free class. Treats can be brought to the classroom in the morning or left in the office.



Tax Credit Donation

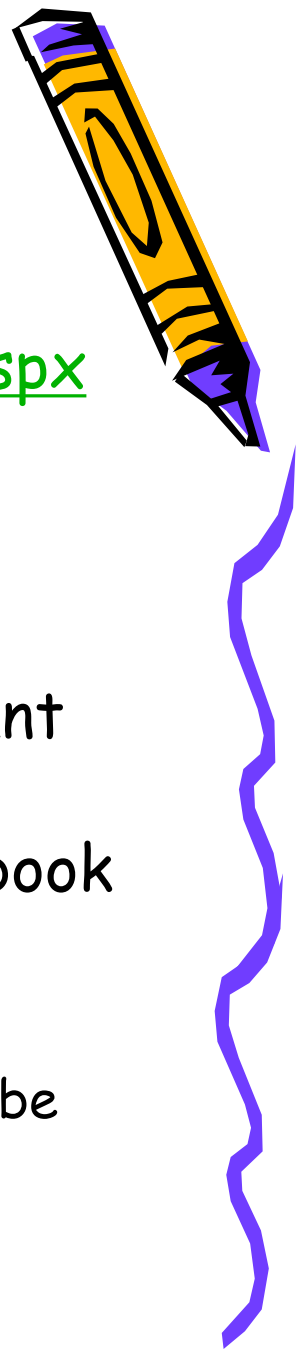
- If you would like to donate a tax credit donation to our class that would be greatly appreciated! Tax credit money allows me to enhance the kiddos' learning with hands on experiences such as field trips and guest speakers. If you are a Raytheon or Sanofi employee and donate, both will match your donation and give to our class as well. **It's a win win situation for you and our class!** You are allowed to donate up to \$200 for a single person and up to \$400 for a married couple. Any amount is appreciated!!!
- ****Please be specific (ex: 4th grade field trips) If you're not sure what to put please let me know. I've included a form on your desk!



How we spent our Tax Credit Donations last year....



Communication

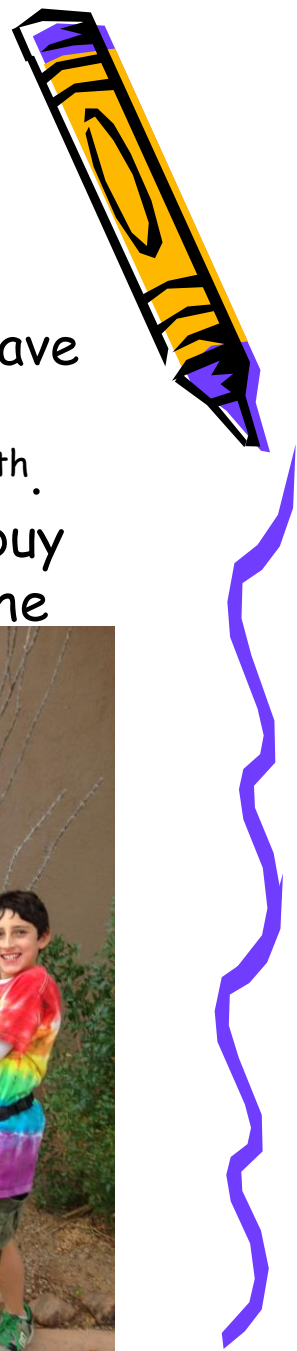


- <http://www.amphi.com/schools/painted-sky/teacher-staff/mrs-ronnie's-4th-grade.aspx>
- <http://ronniesrascals.blogspot.com/>
- Check often for updates
- Valuable interventions and extensions
- Class Bloggers-become a follower to get instant updates and comment to the kiddos.
- Platform will be changing. Switching to Facebook as a possibility?
- Remind me texts-Sign Up!
 - Return the orange sheets to allow your child to be included in slideshows on the blog.



Class T-shirts

- We will be ordering class t-shirts this year! They are a great way to promote classroom unity and are great to have on field trips. Forms can be found on your desk. Please return ASAP as I will be placing our order on Monday 17th. Ours will be a rainbow tie-dye! Parents are welcome to buy one as well. I will be sending out a sign up to help with the dying of the shirts once they arrive. It's really fun!



VOLUNTEERS



- I love volunteers! They make it possible for us to do many of the extras.
- Fill out the Volunteer sheet and return ASAP. I'll create a calendar and send it out. The calendar is on our website. There will always be a sign up in my office through out the year.
- If you are unable to come in we can still use your help at home. I'll send home a folder with things for you to work on.
- Home room parent helps organize the class parties and extra events. There can be more than one!



WISH LIST



- See chart-taped to classroom door
- Tax Credits!
- I'll update our wish list periodically via the class website.
- Any donation is so appreciated!



Thank You!

- I promise to make this a memorable year for your child. Thank you for sharing them with me!

»

----Mrs. Ronnie

