

# 4th Grade

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*with*

*Mrs. Dugan & Ms. Rosenberg*

# Welcome to Room 215

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*We're so glad you're here!*



*Welcome to Trinity!*

Mabry Warren and her  
parents Kathleen and Edward  
Warren

# Thank you, Volunteers!

- Room Parents
  - Angela Arno, mother of Siena
  - Selena Merritt, mother of Abbey
- Service Learning Parent Coordinator
  - Susan Smith, mother of Cate in room 218



# Classroom Blog!

Please check out <http://tes4thgrade215.weebly.com/> to get...

- Pictures
- Important Dates
- Glimpse Into the Classroom
- Curriculum Information

Emails will be sent out with the site link when there are updates

# A Day in the Life...

- Morning Work - “Things we’re still working on...” and review
- Greet the Day
- Reader’s Workshop
- Writer’s Workshop
- Math Workshop
- Social Studies
- Science
- Cursive Writing
- Word Study- Vocabulary, Spelling Patterns, and Personal Words
- Read Aloud
- Community Meeting

# Packing for School at Home

Do you have your...

- ...binder with agenda?
- ...agenda signed?
- ..."just right" book?
- ...homework materials? Check your agenda for reminders.
- ...music materials?
- ...snack?



# And...

- Enrichments: Art, Spanish, P.E., Faith Studies, Wellness, Tech and Music
- Community Chapel on Fridays
- 3-5 Chapel and Tribes Wednesday at 12:20pm
- ImaginOn visits are monthly
- Service Learning with current partners Metro School and Epiphany

# Math Chat

<https://vimeo.com/178335>

“Designed to invite all students into mathematics and to help them develop a deep understanding of fundamental mathematical ideas.”

The work we do goes beyond the algorithm.

This year we will dive into the following units in our Math Investigations curriculum:

*Factors, Multiples, and Multiplicative Comparison*  
*Generating and Representing Measurement Data*  
*Multiple Towers and Cluster Problems*  
*Measuring and Classifying Shapes*  
*Large Numbers and Landmarks*  
*Fraction Cards and Decimal Grids*  
*How Many Packages and Groups?*  
*Penny Jars and Towers*

We also use additional math resources like Dyna Math and Front Row

# Just Right Books

It matters:

- Accuracy, comprehension, fluency
- Accuracy to be as high as possible to support comprehension
- Read regularly, rigorously - “we read every day” habit

What can you look at with your child?

- Length
- Content / sophistication of concepts / readiness
- Structure
- Vocabulary

The POWER of reading aloud: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZBuT2wdYtpM>

# Homework Expectations

- Daily reading and logging
- Math
  - Workbook Pages
  - Practice Basic Number Combinations
- Writing Practice
- Work that did not get completed in school may come home
- Students can choose to bring some big project work home
- Forgotten Homework?

“Some the most important skills for HAPPINESS and SUCCESS in school and in life are:

- Being able to stay focused and pay attention
- Creative problem-solving (thinking outside the box)
- Reasoning (playing with ideas and facts in your mind, relating one to the other)
- Being able to delay gratification and stay the course to finish what you start
- The self-control to not put your foot in your mouth
- Being able to resist temptations and not act impulsively
- Being able to take advantage of serendipity
- Flexibility to adjust to changed demands or priorities

ALL of the skills I just mentioned are EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS”

Adele Diamond, PhD, FRSC Canada Research Chair Professor of Developmental  
Cognitive Neuroscience University of British Columbia (UBC)

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What Dr. Diamond's research tells us:

“It's likely that indirectly supporting executive functions by lessening things that impair them (like stress or loneliness) and enhancing things that support them (like joy or physical vitality) is also critical.” ~ Dr. Adele Diamond

“We show better Executive Functions when we're

- happy
- feel socially supported, &
- we're healthy & physically fit”

# Birthday Books!

- Please email me to set up a time
- Summer birthday? Plan on reading on your child's half birthday.

# Important Dates

## Important 4th Grade Dates:

Wednesday, Oct. 19th 4th Grade Musical

Thursday, Oct. 20th *Grace for President*, 9:30am

Friday, Dec. 15th Old Salem

Tuesday, Dec. 20th Moravian Love Feast, 9:30am

Thursday, Jan. 12th Latta Plantation

Thursday, Jan. 13th *New Kid*, 9:30am

Thursday, Feb. 2nd 4th/5th Musical Ensemble Concert, 6:30pm

Wednesday-Friday, March 1st-3rd Earthshine

Thursday, March 16th Biography Presentations

Tuesday, April 4th *Bud, Not Buddy*, 9:30am

Thursday, June 1st, *Unite or Die* and EOY Celebration



# Earthshine

Wednesday-Friday, March 1st-3rd

Lake Toxaway, North Carolina

Supports Social Studies with conflict resolution curriculum, environmental stewardship, and events related to the Trail of Tears.

\*Between now and Earthshine it is a great idea to plan a sleepover for your child so that this trip is not their first experience sleeping away from home.

# Before you leave...

- Leave a little note for your student to find in the morning!
- Take note: Grades 3-4 Parent Coffee
  - Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 - 9:15am
  - Cotter Commons.

## **Fire**

What makes a fire burn  
is space between the logs,  
a breathing space.

Too much of a good thing,  
too many logs  
packed in too tight  
can douse the flames  
almost as surely  
as a pail of water would.

So building fires  
requires attention  
to the spaces in between,  
as much as to the wood.

When we are able to build  
open spaces  
in the same way  
we have learned  
to pile on the logs,  
then we can come to see how  
it is fuel, and absence of the fuel  
together, that make fire possible.

We only need to lay a log  
lightly from time to time.  
A fire  
grows  
simply because the space is there,  
with openings  
in which the flame  
that knows just how it wants to burn  
can find its way.  
- Judy Brown

# Mrs. Dugan's News

Coming Late January 2017:

