

Room 215 - Back to School Night

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4th Grade

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Important 4th Grade Dates:

Wednesday, Aug. 31st 3-4 Parent Coffee; 8:00 - 9:15 in Cotter Commons
 Wednesday, Oct. 19th 4th Grade Musical "Schoolhouse Rock!"
 Thursday, Oct. 20th *President*, 9:30am
 Friday, Dec. 15th Old Salem
 Tuesday, Dec. 20th Moravian Love Feast, 9:30am
 Thursday, Jan. 12th Latta Plantation
 Friday, Jan. 13th *New Year*, 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 *Book Day*, 9:30am
 Thursday, June 1st, and EOY Celebration

Fourth Grade Curricular Topics

<p>Writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Launching the Writers' Workshop *Language, Grammar, and Conventions *Writing Process / Writer's Notebook *Friendly Letters *Narrative Writing *Nonfiction Research Report *Personal Essay *Book Reviews *Literary Essay or Memoir *Poetry *Letters that Matter *Cursive Writing *Typing Club *Use of iPads and/or Chromebooks to organize, research, publish, and present work 	<p>Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Launching Readers' Workshop *Literary Elements *Decoding Skills *Building Conversations around Reading *Reading Mystery *Examining Characters *Biography *Reading History *Writing about Reading *Social Issues *Book Clubs *Poetry *Skills Readers Need *Word Study in support for readers and writers
<p>Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Tools of a Scientist *The Scientific Process / STEM process *The Human Body *Geology, Rocks and Minerals *Chemistry *Service Learning at Metro School and Epiphany *NC Seeds and Plants - Gardening *2 dates to Discovery Place in support of Science 	<p>Social Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Geography Skills *The Tarheel State *Europeans land in the States, timeline of influential events *Colonial America *Americans Struggle for Independence *Forming a Nation *Earthshine - Conflict Resolution curriculum /

Units - dates TBD *Use of web-based resources to support Science Curricula	result of Trail of Tears *Use of Web-based resources to support Social Studies Curricula
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Service Learning - “Partnered with Metro School and Epiphany School and possibly other partners - We’re learning about people with physical and cognitive differences.” A combination of science, social studies and humanities work. For more information visit:
<http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/metroEC/Pages/Default.aspx> and <http://theepiphanyschool.com/>

Math
 * Investigations in Number, Data and Space
 * Continued emphasis on the Common Core Standards
 * For more information visit: <http://www.nctm.org/> or <https://investigations.terc.edu/>
 * Additional work outside of “Investigations” including Dyna Math and Front Row

Typing Benchmarks for 4th Grade
 We use Typing Club to teach keyboard skills. Students will receive a tescharlotte.org email address that is not active. They will use this email address to sign into typing club. Students will receive this information in September.

Address for Typing Club: <https://tes-charlotte.typingclub.com/>
is a portal to typing club specifically for Trinity

The following are our current end-of-year goals:

Grade	WPM	Accuracy
4th	15-25	90%

Homework Guidelines:

Homework responsibility is an important part of 4th Grade. We assign written homework to achieve the following goals:

1. Establish responsibility on the part of each student to take and return needed materials.
2. Reinforce previously taught educational material and prepare for future work.
3. Develop and strengthen independent study skills.

Students will have some predictable homework this year. Each day, students will record their homework in their agenda at school. It is responsibility to have you initial their agenda each night. Every night, students will read. Right now, the record-keeping on the reading is limited, but within the next month, students will be logging their reading daily. In math, students should practice their math combinations and complete some short assignments in their Math Student Activity pages (kept in their binders). In word study, students will have focus words/patterns and soon our students will be working on vocabulary words which will mean studying for quizzes both at home and in class.

Students should spend no more than 40 minutes doing homework (other than reading) at home. If either you or your student is unclear about a homework assignment, please email us. If your child is having a difficult time with an assignment or having a hard night, please use your best judgement and communicate any issues with us. **It’s important to make responsibility the focus rather than the tasks.**