



Dear Future Fourth Grade Student,

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and welcome you to fourth grade!

In Mrs. Dominguez's Arizona History class you will be learning about Arizona's geography and its first settlers. We will focus on the exploration and settlement of the Southwest and changes experienced by Native American groups. You will also discover how Arizona became a state. At the end of the year you will be part of a living history museum!

In Mrs. Dominguez's science class you will be using the scientific method to explore the properties of water and electricity. We will also be studying weather and learning about the different instruments used to measure weather. We will create landform features and identify the Earth processes that cause erosion. Science rocks!

In Mrs. Hatcher's math class, you will learn a lot of fun new concepts. You will use addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division to solve word problems involving measurement of volume, mass, and time. You will continue to build on your understanding of fractions by creating equal fractions, comparing the size of fractions, adding and subtracting fractions, and multiplying fractions by whole numbers. You will learn about the relationship between fractions and decimals. There will be a lot of geometry concepts learned next year too. If you don't have all of your basic multiplication facts memorized, you may want to work on that this summer.

In Mrs. Nichols' writing class, you will be learning to write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas. You will learn to write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences along with writing argumentative essays using personal and text evidence to support your claims. We will be writing across the curriculum incorporating reading, math, science and social studies. Spelling will be individualized, each student will have 24 words to study at their own level. We will also practice grammar skills daily.

In Mrs. Swannie's reading class, you will be reading both fiction and nonfiction text. You will learn more about story elements, compare/contrast, cause and effect, sequence, how to understand what is inferred in text, and much more. Strong development in reading is essential to success in school. We will work on strategies and skills all year long to support strong vocabulary development and comprehension. I will send home book orders throughout the year. These catalogs have a great variety of topics and genres at very reasonable prices. Be sure to do some reading this summer!

We are looking forward to meeting you and spending an exciting year of learning together! Have safe and happy summer!

Your Fourth Grade Teachers,

Mrs. Dominguez

Mrs. Hatcher

Mrs. Nichols

Mrs. Swannie