

ABC's of Fourth Grade

- A Attendance**— You will significantly increase your child's chances for success by making sure that he or she is here, and on time, everyday.
- B Backpacks**— Be sure that your child brings his or her backpack to school every day so that he or she has the materials needed for class.
- B Birthdays**- Students may bring in treats for the class as long as there are enough for every child. Anything that contains peanuts should not be brought. As always, please make sure items are store bought and easy to pass out. No cakes please as too much instructional time is lost!
- B Binders**—Students will need to keep their binders neat and organized. We expect the planner to be in it when it comes to school and goes home for the day. Dividers or folders can be used for subject matter notes and worksheets.
- C Conferences**— Good communication between home and school is important to your child's academic success so you will be asked to attend student-led conferences at school.
- D Discipline**— Students will be given 2 verbal warnings before a behavior note is written in their planner. Students will earn 1 cube every day over a 2 week period if they do not have any behavior notes in their planner. At the end of 2 weeks, any student who has earned at least 9 cubes will be allowed to participate in Can Do Crew. This is a free choice academic activity time. If a student does not earn at least 9 cubes he or she will sit out of Can Do Crew and complete an activity chosen by the teacher. Students are ultimately responsible for keeping track of their cubes. If they lose them, they will NOT participate in Can Do Crew.
- D Dress Code**— Please be sure that your child is dressed appropriately each day, as is outlined in the school dress code.
- E Emergency Information**-It is incredibly important that we have correct and up-to-date phone numbers and emails for you! If there is an emergency, we need to be able to contact you, so please let us know if your address, phone number, or email changes during the school year.

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- F Food-** Any food that is brought for lunch must be eaten before the student heads to the playground. No food is allowed on our playground.
- G Grades-** Grades come from class work, quizzes, tests, and homework. Please check PowerSchools on a weekly basis. Please take time to look over graded work which comes home on Mondays. All graded work should not be thrown out but kept at home until the quarter is over. Mistakes do happen!
- H Homework-** Your child will have nightly Reading, Spelling, and Math homework. Occasionally students will need to study for Science and Social Studies tests at home. All homework should be kept in the homework folder/Mountain Shadows coyote folder. This folder should go home each night and come back to school each day. Homework turned in on time receives 100%. If it is one day late, it will receive 50%. After 1 day late we do not accept it.
- I Invitations-** Students may only hand out invitations (for birthday parties, etc) if there is one for every child in the class. Otherwise, please take care of this before or after school.
- J Join the PTSA-** The PTSA is a great way for you to get involved at Mountain Shadows! Information about joining the PTSA will be coming home with your child during the first few weeks of school. The cost is only \$5.00 per person!
- K- Kindness-** An important part of a successful classroom is that all students treat one another with kindness. Each of us has an imaginary bucket that holds our emotions. When we are kind to one another, we fill our buckets. When we are not kind to one another, we dip into each other's buckets. We expect all students to be bucket fillers!
- L Lunch-** Our class will eat lunch 12:30-1:15. Student lunch prices are \$2.50 this year. If you need free or reduced lunch please watch for information that will be sent home during the first few weeks of school.

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- M Multiplication**– Multiplication plays an important role in fourth grade math. If students do not have their facts learned by this point, they will struggle with double digit multiplication, division, fractions, etc. Mrs. Hudson will give students a monthly assessment on all facts: addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. She will provide strategies in class for students to learn their facts. All students are expected to practice at home on a nightly basis.
- N Newsletter**– You can access the monthly Coyote Howls newsletter on our web site: www.mountainshadows.dvUSD.org. This is a great resource to find out about all of the great things happening here at Mountain Shadows!
- N Nurse**– If your child needs medication during the school day please visit the nurse's office to give her the medication, including cough drops.
- O Office**– Remember to check in at the office any time you visit school.
- P Planner**– We will provide a spiral bound planner for each child. Students will record their homework and any upcoming events each day. Any missing assignments or minor behavior issues will be recorded in the planner. We expect the planner to come to school and go home every day. Parents need to sign off on the planner each night. Students will be rewarded with a ticket for each parent signature. Tickets go into a drawing each week for a reward.
- Q Questions**– If you have any questions for us, please feel free to call or email. Email would be the fastest way and our emails are Tina.Hudson@dvUSD.org and Monica.VonTobel@dvUSD.org. You can also call us at 623-445-4365 (Hudson) and 623-445-4363 (von Tobel). During school hours you will be forwarded to a voice mailbox. We will return your phone call within 48 hours.
- R Rotating classes**- This year your child will rotate classrooms for their subjects. This gives them a chance to be exposed to different teaching styles and allows the teacher to become more of an expert in their area of instruction. Mrs. Hudson will be their Math and Science teacher. Mrs. von Tobel will be their Language Arts (Reading, Writing, Spelling) and Social Studies teacher. Your child will receive grades from both of teachers.

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S Schedule- Your child's schedule is as follows:

8:15 Breakfast in cafeteria (optional, playground is closed)

8:30 Campus opens, students report to playground NOT the classroom

8:40 First bell rings, students line up on playground

8:45 School begins

8:45-8:55 Announcements/Pledge/Attendance

8:55-11:00 Math and Science (Hudson hmrm)/Lang. Arts and SS (Von Tobel hmrm)

11:00-11:45 Specials

11:45-12:30 Finish morning schedule/switch to afternoon class

12:30-1:15 Lunch

1:15-3:20 Math and Science (von Tobel hmrm)/Lang. Arts and SS (Hudson)

3:20-3:30 switch back to homeroom for clean up

3:30 School dismisses

S Scholastic Book Orders— We will send home book orders once a month. You have the option of filling out your order on the flier or online. More information regarding website and login information will be sent home with the first book order in August. Each dollar spent earns points for us to buy books for the classroom!

S Specials—**This is only for First Quarter (new schedule will be sent home before Quarter 2)**

Hudson: Mon= Band, Tue=PE, Wed=PE, Thur=Art, Fri= Band

von Tobel: Mon=PE, Tue=Band, Wed=Art, Thur=PE, Fri=PE

T Tardies-Students who arrive on campus after 8:45 must report to the front office for a late pass. They will NO LONGER be allowed to go directly to the classroom after 8:45.

T Tests— In fourth grade we take the AIMS test in Reading, Math, and Science. This is an awesome opportunity for your child to show what he or she knows!

U Up-to-date- Please remember to keep us up-to-date on any important changes in your child's life. We care about your child and we want to help him or her be successful, both in and out of school.

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- V Volunteers**– There may be opportunities to work in the classroom such as putting up a new bulletin board, helping out with centers, or working with a small groups of students. As always, if you are interested, please attend one of the Volunteer Training Sessions held after school. If you are unable to donate time at school there may also be opportunities to do cutting or gluing projects at home. Please let your homeroom teacher know if you are interested.
- W Water Bottles**- All students are allowed to keep a bottle of water at their desk during the school day. However, they may not have any other type of beverage in the classroom. Water bottles should be clear. It is a good idea to put it in the freezer the night before. But make sure they have a sock or paper towel around it to catch all of the condensation!
- W Website**– Please check out our 4th grade website at thudson.weebly.com on a weekly basis to stay up-to-date on homework, due dates, and upcoming events. Also, check out the new format for the Mountain Shadows website!
- X X-tra Practice**– If you would like ideas for ways to help your child at home, please let us know and we will be happy to provide you with ideas and resources for extra practice!
- Y Your Support**- Your support is so important to your child's success in school. If you have any questions or concerns about anything in our classroom, please contact us. We are here to help your child be successful!
- Z Zzzzzz**- Be sure your child gets plenty of sleep each night so that he or she is prepared to do his or her best in school!