



Welcome to 4M!!

Dear Parents,

Due to the fact that I may not get to talk with each of you at parent night, I would like to take the chance to briefly introduce both myself and some of what we will be doing in 4M this year!

My name is Abby Meuser and this is my fourth year teaching fourth grade, and I am very excited for a new class and new experiences! This year we will be focusing a lot on **ORGANIZATION** and **RESPONSIBILITY**. Fourth grade is a very big transition year for your students and I hope to work as a team with you as the parents to make sure this year is as smooth and successful as possible! In this packet I will be going through very briefly how our classroom is run and what we will be covering across the curriculum.

Thank you very much, and I am looking forward to a great year!

Abby Meuser

Contact Information:

- ameuser@setonschool.com (This is the best way to get a hold of me! I check it many times throughout the day including at night, so if you have any questions even regarding an assignment this is the best way to catch me!)
- School Phone 309-757-5500 ext. 123

4M Behavior Plan:

Card Pulling System:

- **All students start the week on their green card.**
- **Students will receive ONE verbal warning for misbehavior.**
- **Yellow Card: 5 Minutes off of Friday Free.**
- **Orange Card: 10 Minutes off of Friday Free.**
- **Blue Card: 15 Minutes off of Friday Free.**
- **Red Card: They lose their entire Friday Free Time.**
- ***If behavior problems continue even after the loss of Friday Free a phone call will be made home.**
- **Students also have all week to EARN their time back!**

4M Homework Policy:

- **ALL homework is due on the following day from when it was assigned unless OTHERWISE stated.**
- **ALL spelling homework for the week is due on FRIDAY.**
- **USE THE ASSIGNMENT NOTEBOOK!**

4M Late Slips:

- **A late slip is issued when a homework assignment is not turned in on time.**
- **The late slip is first signed by Mrs. Barrett, then brought home for a parent's signature, and then turned into Mrs. Barrett the following day.**
- **Late slips are NOT the end of the world, but more of a communication tool between the school and home to insure that students are completing their work!**

4M Curriculum:

- **Religion:**
 - **We will be covering the 10 Commandments each in great detail.**
 - **We also spend time on units including; The Beatitudes, The Rosary, and all of the celebrations that go with each Liturgical Season.**

- **Reading:**
 - **Our themes include; Journeys, Traditions, American Stories, and Nature.**
 - **We also complete extended literature projects such as *Little House in the Big Woods, Sarah Plain and Tall, and The Lion, Witch, and the Wardrobe.***
- **Spelling:**
 - **Our spelling words go along with our reading stories.**
 - **We will also be starting an enrichment spelling program during the second quarter.**
- **English:**
 - **6 + 1 Trait Writing**
 - **Free Write!**
 - **We work on the parts of the sentence, grammar, mechanics, paragraph structure, as well as the Writing Process.**
- **Math:**
 - **As you have read in a previous letter, your student has a teacher other than myself for Math.**
 - **We will all be working with the Mastering Math Facts program.**
 - **STUDY THOSE FACTS!**
- **Social Studies**
 - **Pioneer Unit: This unit is an integrated unit that we will be studying in each subject area.**
 - **We work with the individual United States Regions.**
 - **We will also be learning all 50 States and Capitals!!**
 - **We will complete a Presidential report.**
 - **We will complete a State report.**
- **Science:**
 - **Some of the units we will be covering include; Plants and Animals, Human Body, Weather, Volcanoes, and Matter.**

- **Wake Up Brain:**
 - **Our morning activity is called Wake Up Brain!**
 - **Students complete one of these pages each day until Thursday.**
 - **They may then take their packet home to study for a quiz on Friday.**
 - **Friday's quiz is made up completely of exact problems from that week's packet so it pays to study!**

Last minute tips:

- **Please make sure you are checking and signing your child's assignment notebook each night!**
- **Study math facts each night.**
- **Set aside time for READING at night.**

****IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

- **Picture Day: Wednesday September 7th**
- **ITBS Testing: Begins Monday September 12th**
 - *Remind your students of the importance of these tests!
 - *Get plenty of REST and eat a good BREAKFAST!
- **Pioneer Village Field Trip: WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5TH**
 - (Start looking for a pioneer outfit!)

