Grade Four - Welcome to the Junior Division

Supplies and Materials:
Students are encouraged to be prepared for all activities by having the following items: gym shoes, back pack, pencils, erasers, pencil crayons, pencil case, glue stick, lined paper, binder, duo tangs and an inexpensive calculator. Students will also need to purchase a recorder for the music program.

High view Student Handbook:
All students are required to purchase an agenda. This is an invaluable resource that encourages both planning and organizational skills. This book is essential for keeping track of homework assignments and school projects. Parents are asked to sign agendas each evening to ensure that all assignments have been completed. Agendas will be signed by the teachers at school daily.

Locks and Lockers:
Students are also asked to purchase a lock from Highview Public School. The serial numbers and combinations will be recorded so that if a lock is misplaced or cannot be opened, the office will have access to this information.

Homework:
Now that your child is in the junior division, (grades 4-6), formal homework is more likely to be assigned than was the case in the primary division. Students in the junior division are expected to do between 30 and 60 minutes of homework a night in addition to reading for 30 minutes. Homework includes reviewing notes and assignments for future tests, problems of the week, monthly book projects, at least 30 minutes of reading for pleasure each day, and any work that is not completed during the school day. Students are expected to record daily homework assignments in their agendas.

It is the responsibility of the student to remember to bring their homework to school. Marks will be deducted for late or incomplete work, and extensions will not be given unless a note with a reasonable excuse is provided before the due date.

Students that do not complete homework will be required to remain indoors during recess or after school to finish the assignment. Parents will be notified in the agenda any time that homework has not been turned in.

Problem of the Week:
A Problem of the Week will be assigned every Monday. It is due the Friday of the same week. Students are to answer the problem, write a short paragraph explaining how they got their answer and write a concluding statement. Please sign the problem each week.

Tests and Assignments:
All assignments and tests that have been marked need to be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to school to be filed. Each student has a personal file, where samples of the work are kept. These samples will be returned at the end of each term.
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D.E.A.R.:
Every day the students will be participating in D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) time. Please encourage your child to have a book, magazine, newspaper, etc. to read each day. Students will be required to write their chosen D.E.A.R. book in their agendas at the beginning of each month. Please sign the agenda to verify that you are aware of your child’s D.E.A.R. book.
There is a large selection of books in the classroom for students to use during this silent reading time.

Spelling:
The grade four students will participate in spelling lessons and activities based on phonics and patterns of the English language. These words will come from the grade four Spelling text, personal writing and various curricular areas.

V.I.P.
There will be a weekly V.I.P. (Very Important Person) chosen each week. This students will be asked to design a poster about themselves and bring it to school to be displayed the following Monday. The V.I.P will be randomly chosen each Monday morning. A letter describing the poster will be sent home with the V.I.P.

Scholastic Book Club:
Scholastic Book Club Flyers will be handed in regularly throughout the grade four year.

Parent Volunteers:
Parent volunteers are encouraged to participate both in and out of the classroom is they so choose. You may sign up for specific days, times or projects that fit your schedule if you are interested in volunteering on a regular basis. If you aren’t able to volunteer in the classroom, you may prefer to help by preparing materials at home, organizing Scholastic book orders, or by supervising on field trips. Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

Social Studies and Science Units:
Some of the Social Studies and Science Units that we will be studying this year include: Canada (physical land form regions), Medieval Times, Rocks and Minerals, Sound, Light and Colour, Habitats, and Pulleys and Gears. If you are an expert in any of these areas or feel that you would like to contribute in some way please do not hesitate to contact us.