

Skill Expectations for 4^h grade

To be successful in 4th grade, an incoming student should:

Learning Habits:

- Be able to pay attention for 20-25 minutes of direct instruction at a time
- Be able to follow directions accurately

Homework Habits:

- Be prepared to complete one homework assignment a night from the Fourth Grade Saxon Math book, spelling activities, and 20 minutes of reading daily.

Reading

- Read aloud at 120 words per minute with fluency and comprehension
- Read more thoughtfully, discover more details, and extract deeper meaning from what they read
- Summarize main points from fiction and nonfiction texts

Writing, Language, and Spelling

- Legible and fluid cursive writing
- Mastery of writing conventions for complete sentences, including using correct capitalization, punctuation, and grammar.
- Practice with guidance, the steps of the writing process
- Respond to questions with logically developed answers
- Vary language patterns in both speaking and writing
- Engage in abstract discussions as they respond to text and to life experiences
- Ability to read and follow directions accurately
- Recognize and correctly spell the Spaulding phonograms.

Math

- Understand place value of numbers through the ten thousands
- Apply skills of addition and subtraction to problem solving
- Use mental mathematics and estimation strategies, and use logical reasoning to solve problems
- Understand the relationship between division and multiplication and between division and subtraction
- Mastery of multiplication facts through 12s
- Multiply and divide whole numbers (2-3 digits by 1-digit)
- Model addition and subtraction of decimals and common fractions
- Use mathematical expressions to represent relationships between quantities
- Understand the concepts of and measure length, perimeter, area, and time
- Draw and characterize previously studied geometric shapes
- Solve problems by collecting, organizing, displaying, and interpreting data in tables and bar graphs