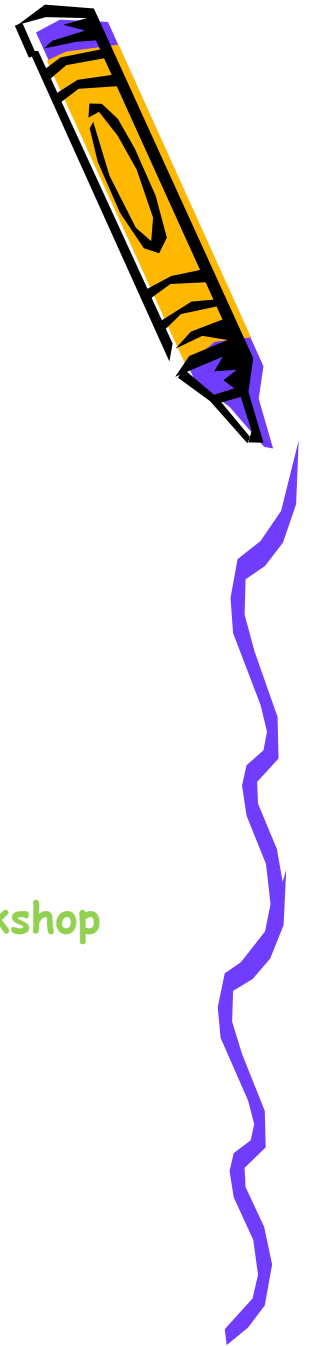


Welcome to
4th Grade!



Daily Schedule



7:50 - 8:00

Announcements

8:00 - 9:10

Switch classes

Writer's Workshop or Math

9:10-9:40

Recess

9:40 - 10:55

Snack

Reader's Workshop or Math/Science

10:55 - 11:45

CAMP (Computers, Art, Music, & PE)

11:45 - 12:00

Switch classes

Math or Reader's Workshop

12:00 - 12:30

Lunch

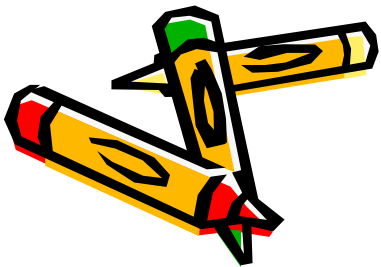
12:30 - 2:30

Math/Science or Reader's & Writer's Workshop

2:30 - 2:50

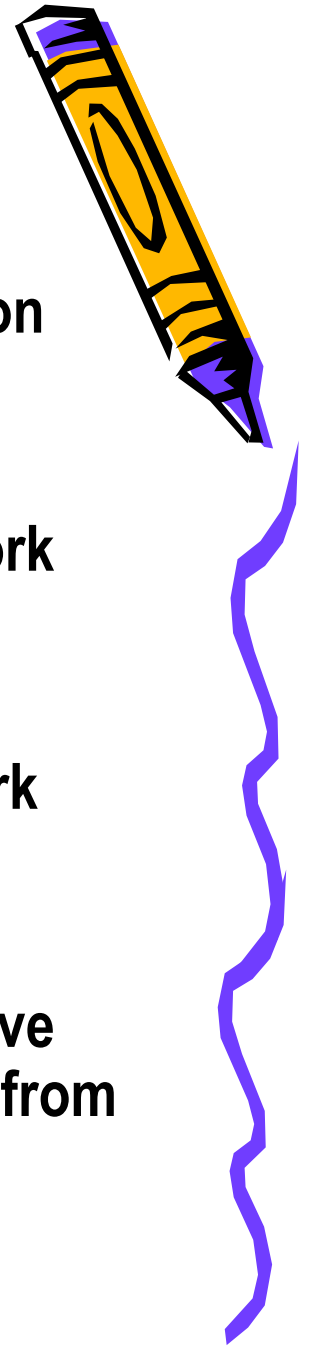
Class meeting/ Teambuilding

Prep to go home, check agendas



Agenda

- Agendas function as the primary form of communication between school & home
- Students will fill out agenda each day with the homework for that evening
- Please check agenda each day to ensure that homework has been completed
- Also, please sign each night to let us know that you have checked for homework, as well as any communication from the teacher



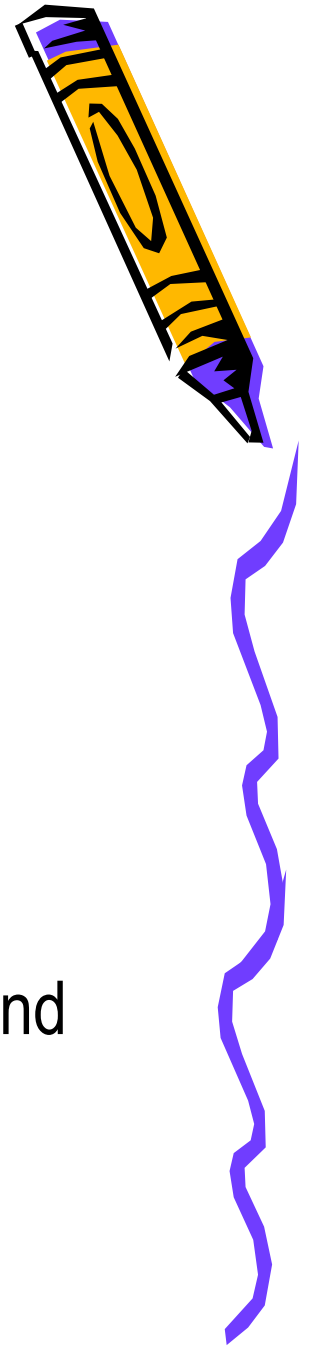
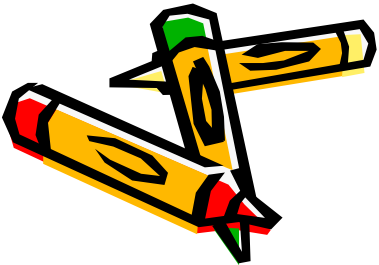
English-Language Arts

- **Writing**

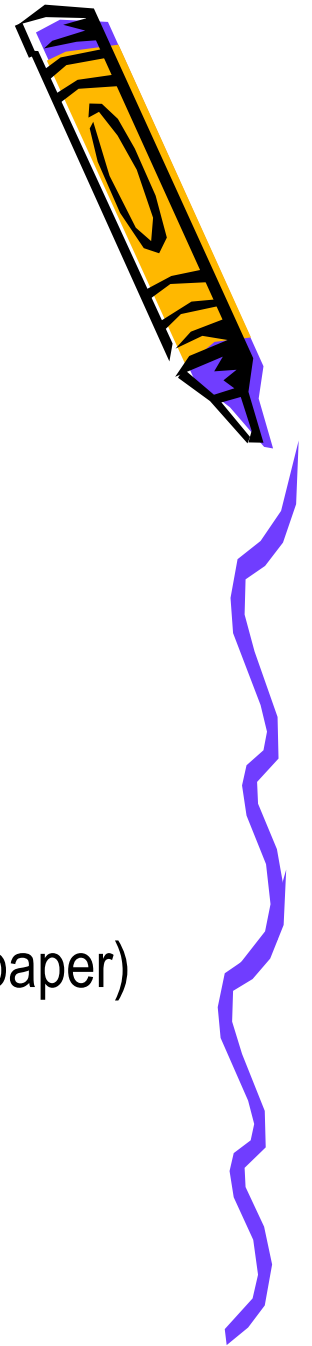
- Writer's Workshop
- Writer's Notebook

- **Reading**

- IStation/DRA2 Testing
- Reader's Workshop, Guided Reading groups, and shared reading



English-Language Arts



- **Social Studies – TEXAS!**

- GEOGRAPHY of Texas
- Our HISTORY
- ECONOMICS in Texas
- GOVERNMENT, past & present

- **Spelling**

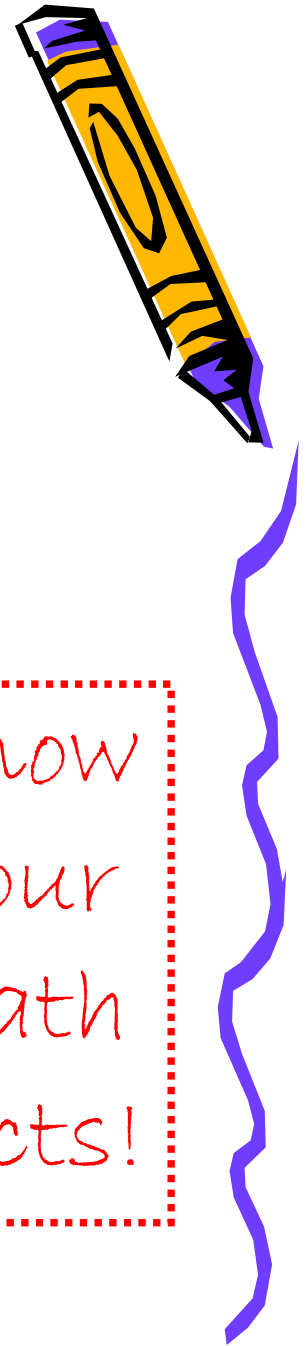
- Homework: One spelling activity from the Spelling homework activity sheet – due on Friday (on notebook paper)
- Spelling Test each Friday



Math

- 90 minutes each day
- Group activities, partner work, small guided groups, and math stations
 - Concepts
 - Skills
 - Daily Problem Solving and Mental Math

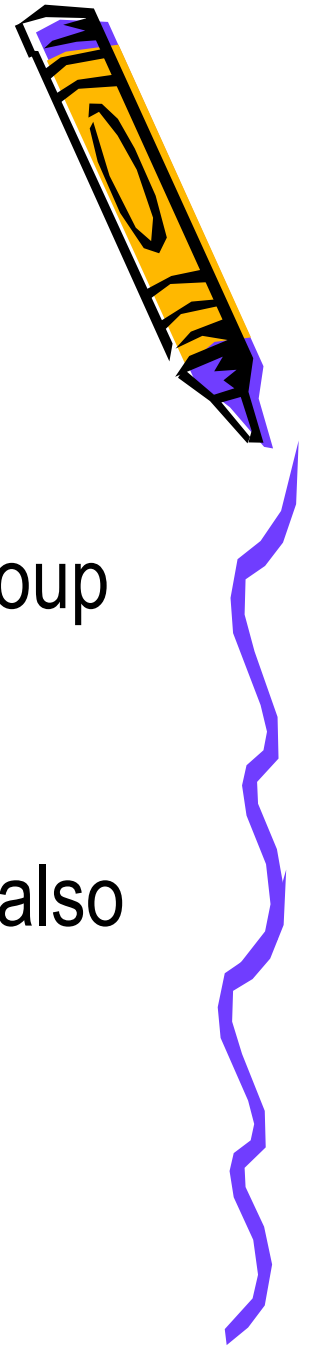
- Expect daily math homework



Know
your
Math
Facts!

Science

- 45 minutes each day
- Whole class lessons with many hands-on group activities & experiments
- Primary emphasis on earth science, but will also study lots of physical science & life science

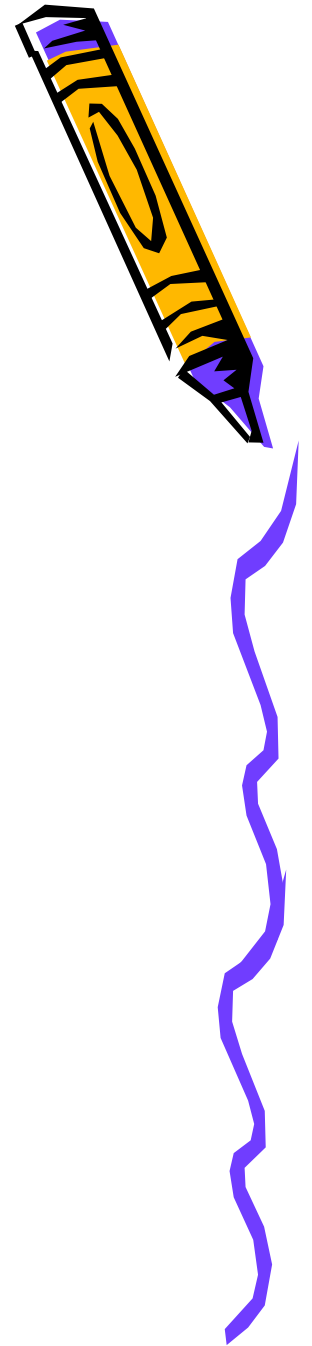
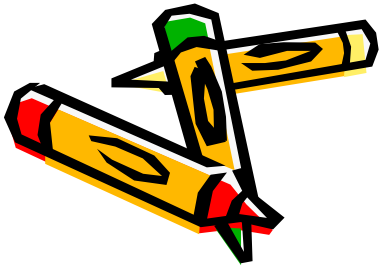


CAMP

- Computers
- Art
- Music
- P.E.
- Choice Day

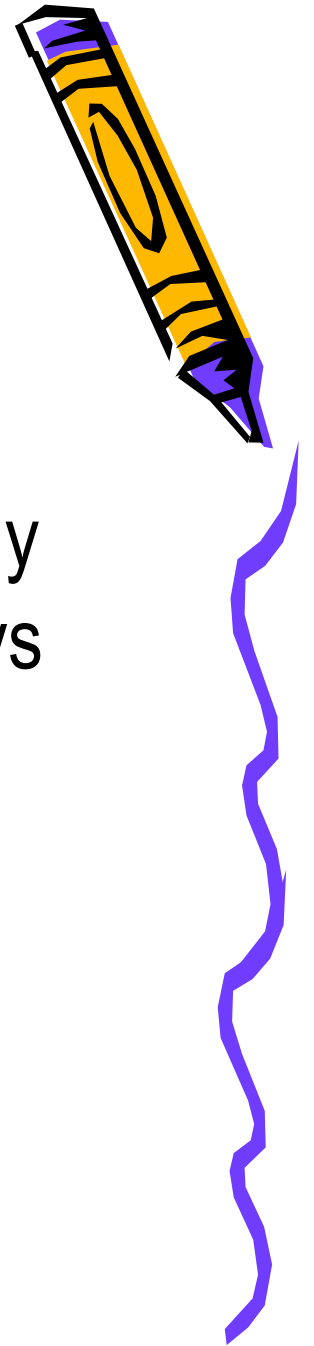
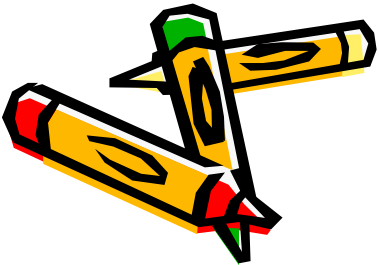
10:55 - 11:45 each day

Each class is a color group



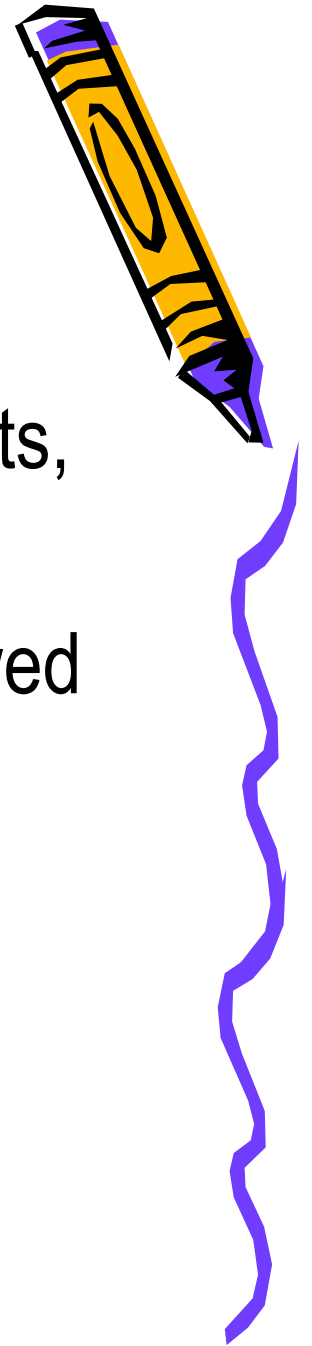
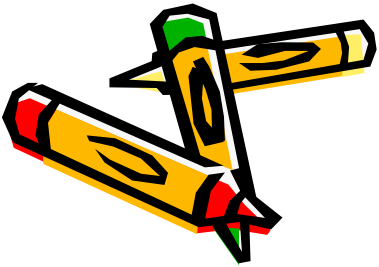
Physical Fitness

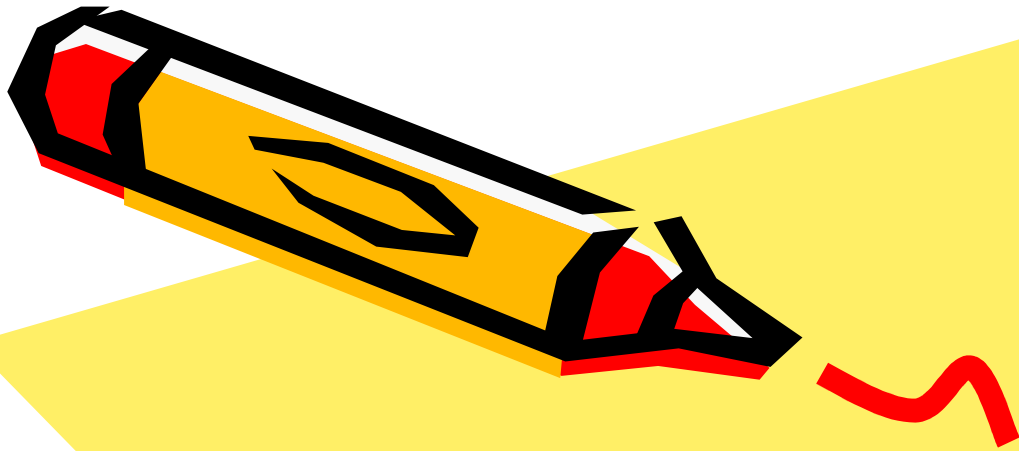
- Texas legislation requires that elementary students have **130 minutes** of Physical Education each week...to supplement weekly PE time, we will a movement song on Fridays during Elliott Live
- Mandatory fitness testing (3-5)



Snack Time

- Snack time each day is from 9:40 – 9:50
- Healthy snacks only...please no chips, sweets, candy, etc.
- Clear water is the only beverage that is allowed in the classrooms
- Students should to bring a water bottle to eliminate trips to the water fountain

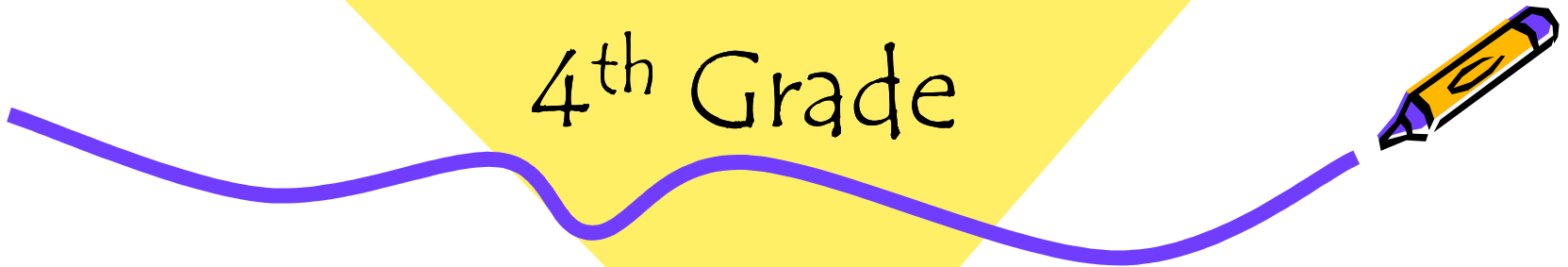




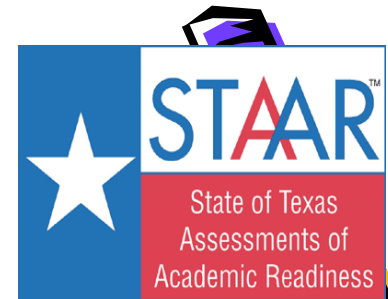
STAAR

State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness

4th Grade



STAAR Testing - 4th

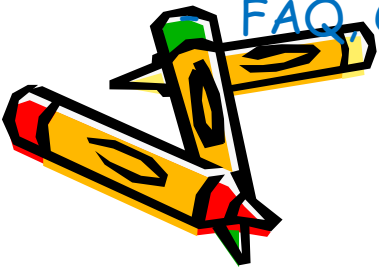


- What is it?
 - State Test to enhance *Rigor* for students & get them "College Ready"
- Timed Test (4 hours) - Just like SAT/ACT
- Assesses previous grade level objectives to current grade (K-4th)
- **Reading STAAR**- emphasizes critical analysis & less literal understanding
- **Math STAAR**- Problem solving skills
- **Writing STAAR**- 2 days; 1 composition each day (expository/narrative)
- No School ratings this year; standards set Fall 2012
- **Writing (March 27-28), Math (April 24) & Reading (April 25)**
 - No visitors

FISD Google Site:

<https://sites.google.com/a/friscoisd.org/staar/home>

FAQ Overview, Updated periodically by FISD



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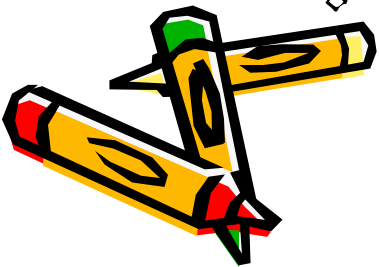
Writing



- ◇ Make it fun!
 - ask for their help with grocery lists
 - let them write notes to friends and family
 - let them see & talk about how your job requires writing

- ◇ Encourage your child to keep a journal or diary
 - write about daily events & happenings or interesting things they see in the world
 - ask them to take 5 minutes before going to bed each night to write in their journal or diary

- ◇ Ask about what they are writing in school & ask to read it
 - make their writing important to you
 - if you show genuine interest, they will WANT to share it with you!



How You Can Help...

Math

- Practice multiplication facts!!!
- Remind them continually to slow down, read carefully, & SHOW THEIR WORK!!
- Ask your child to explain what they are doing



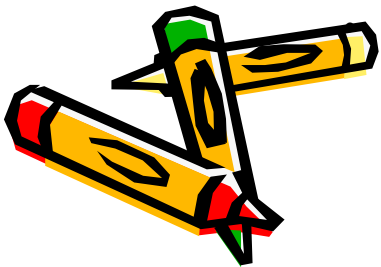
How You Can Help...

Reading



- **Read aloud to your child**
 - allows child to hear fluent reading
 - shows that you value reading
- **Have your child read to you** (15-20 minutes each day)
 - the more we read, the better we become
 - it can be the same thing over & over, as long as they're practicing!

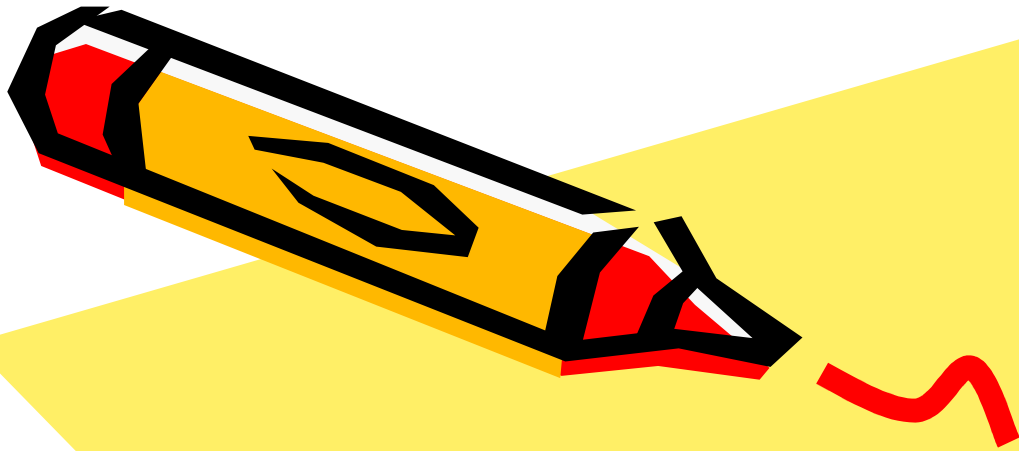
Mandatory Reading logs will come home daily. Students are required to read 90 minutes per week. Parents need to sign verifying their child has read their required minutes each week.



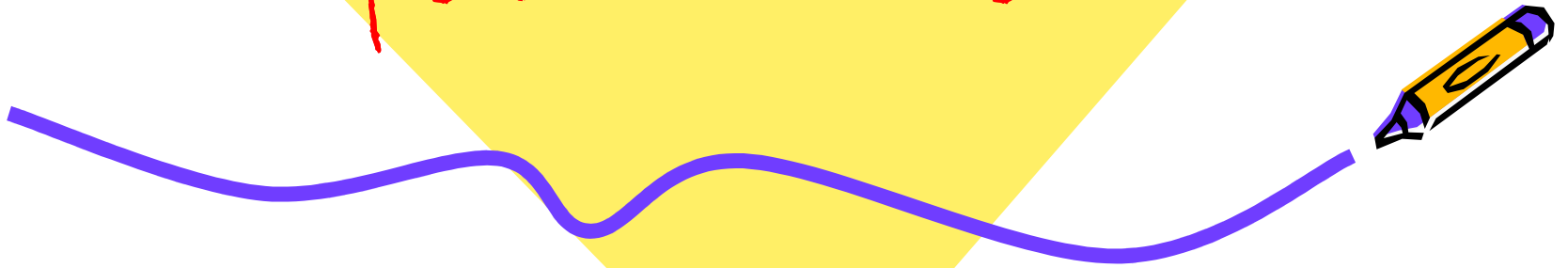
Reading material at home should be:

- fun & enjoyable!
- of interest to your child
- at their reading level



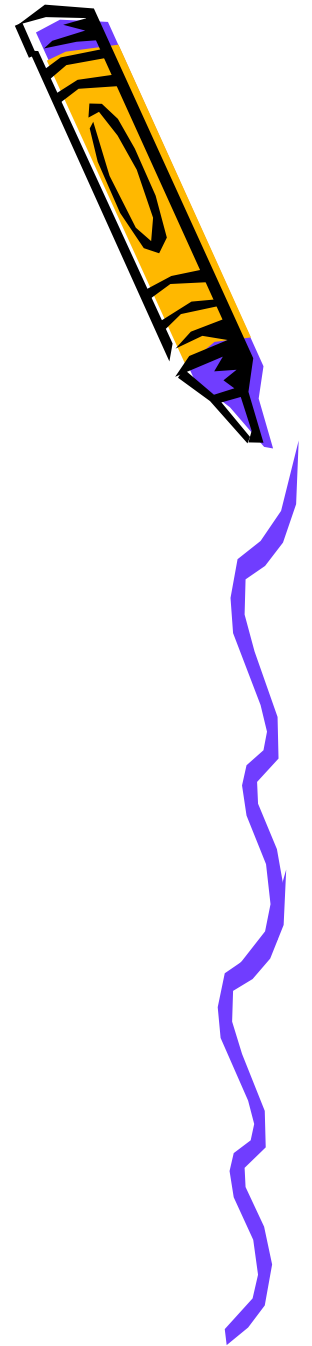


Other important
information...



Portables...

- Visitors- must check in with the office first
- Space- is limited!
- Water / restroom – scheduled breaks



Absence Procedures



- Please notify the office of your child's absence or late arrival (emails/calls to the teachers may not be received by the office until late in the day)
- A written note, email (email data clerk - lockean@friscoisd.org), or doctor excuse must be received within **3 days of the absence**, or it will be considered unexcused (**Link to our data clerk is on the home page of Elliott's website)
- If your child arrives anytime AFTER 10 am, he or she is considered ABSENT for the day, unless a doctor's note for that morning accompanies him/her.
- If your child leaves anytime BEFORE 10 am, he or she is considered ABSENT for that day. Unless a doctor's note for that morning accompanies him/her.
- Doctors notes are required to excuse illnesses of over four days
- Doctors notes are required for medical appointments during the school day. Please submit the doctor's note upon your child's return.
- If your child leaves early and has no doctor's note, the absence is coded as a "leave early", and will count against the student's attendance



Notify the Office

Please call or email the office by 8:30 am if your child will be absent from school or will arrive late:

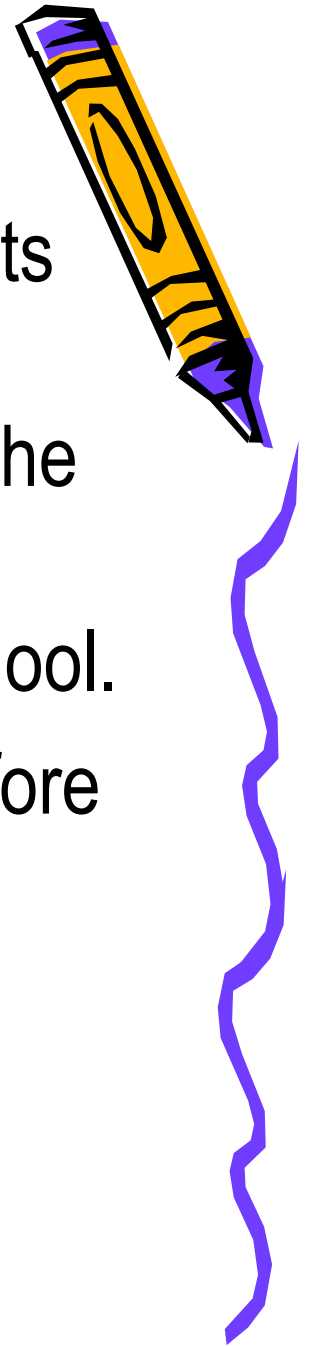
Phone: 469-633-3750 or 469-633-3757

email: lockean@friscoisd.org

For the safety of our students, the office calls all parents who have not notified the office of a child's absence

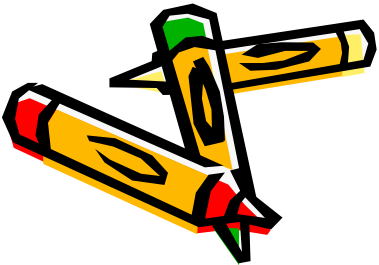
Students' Health

- All medication brought to school must be in its original package and must be taken to the nurse. Please see the handbook or contact the nurse if you have questions. No over the counter medicine will be provided by the school.
- Students must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.
- Students with allergies



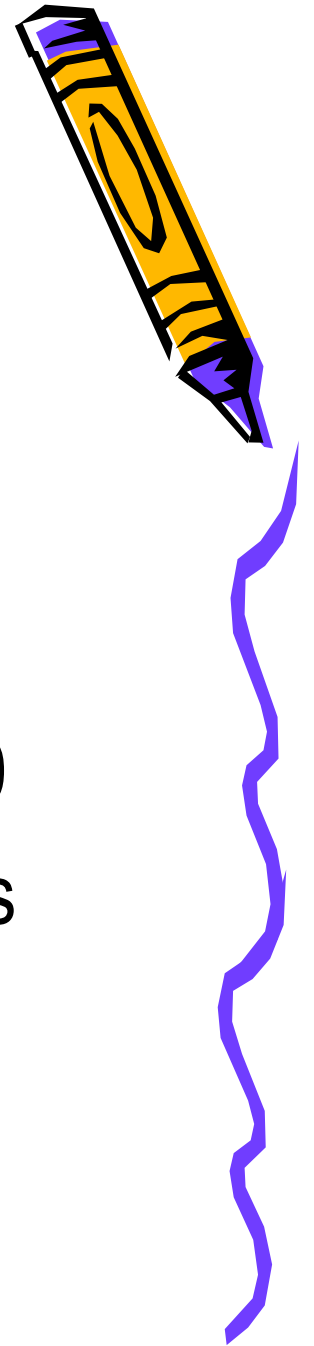
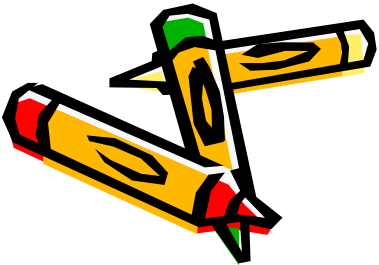
Volunteers

- We would love to have you!
- Background Check must be completed before you can participate
 - must be redone each year
 - can be completed online or by hard copy



Other information...

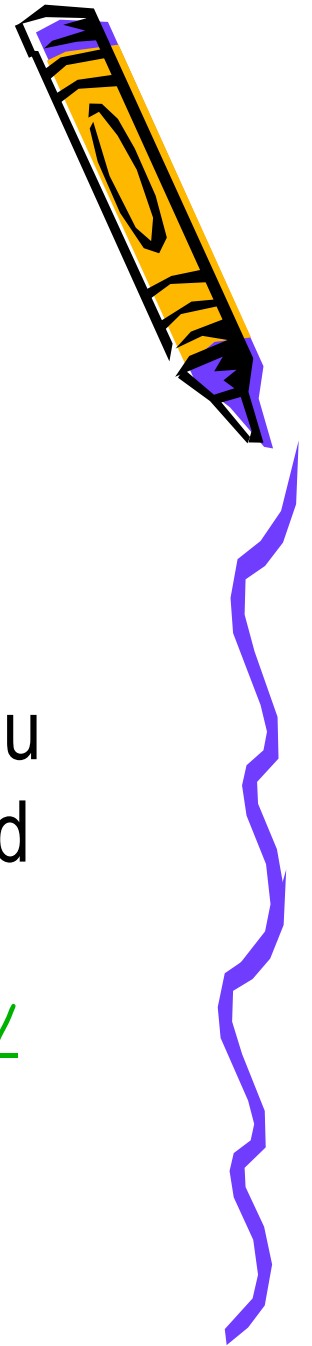
- Birthday treats-- clear liquids; store-bought cookies or doughnuts
- Dismissal changes- please send written notification or call the front office before 2:20
- Infosnap paperwork (online registration)- this must be turned in to the office!



Fourth Grade Website

- We will utilize our grade level website as our fourth grade newsletter. The website will be updated on a weekly basis.
- Spelling lists, handouts, homework assignments, website links, and everything you need to know about fourth grade will be placed on our website.

http://teachersites.schoolworld.com/webpages/Elliott_4th/



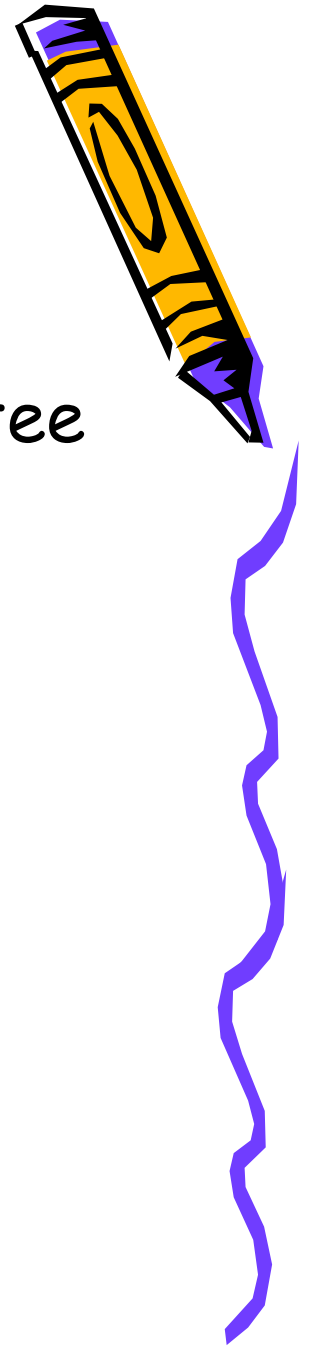


Olweus
Bullying
Prevention
Program



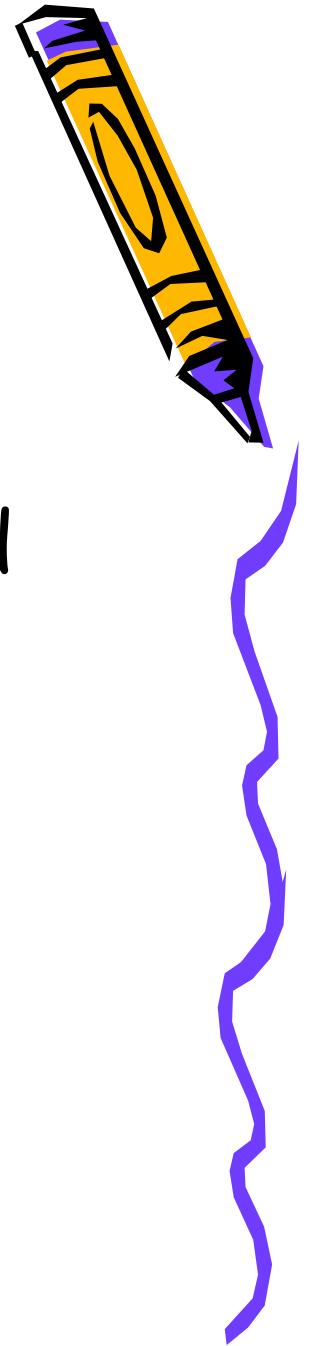
School-level Components

- Bullying Prevention Coordinating Committee
- Staff Training
- Olweus Bullying Questionnaire
- Staff Discussion Meetings
- School Anti-Bullying Rules
- School-wide Positive Behavior Support System
- Kick-Off Event
- Parent Involvement



Classroom Level Components

- Posted School Rules
- Posted Bullying Behavior Chart and Consequences
- Classroom Meetings
- Informing Parents
- Active Monitoring and Intervening
- Follow-up with Students



We're all in this together!!!



Please don't hesitate to call or e-mail with any questions or concerns you may have...and, most of all, thank you for your support!

