

# Mrs. Wilson's Fourth Grade Newsletter

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## Weekly Newsletter a Vital Component in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Communication.

This weekly newsletter will be sent out each week (usually Monday). It will answer the question ~~“What did you do in school?”~~ “What was Mrs. Wilson thinking? What are you working towards? What is the purpose of this assignment?” I know that you are deeply involved in your child’s learning, as never before. You most likely question both what and why. After reading our newsletter you may want to revisit your child and say, “What will you read for 20 minutes? Does it feel at a just right level for you? Were you able to login to MathWhizz? How did you feel about the MathWhizz assessment? Mrs. Wilson wants to know your progress.” My goal is to keep parents well informed. Please look for the newsletter sent via email and posted on the classroom webpage each week. I assume that you have read it. It will include learning targets, study strategies, notice of tests and projects and upcoming deadlines. Questions? I’m looking forward to seeing each family this week. There will be time for assessment, discussion and looking through resources. We are in for a good year. Feel free to contact me at 206.935.0651 X110, or [cwilson@guadalupe-school.org](mailto:cwilson@guadalupe-school.org)

### Summer Math Packets Due Now:

Mrs. Lawler is true to her word. She promised a treat for each student who turns in their summer math packet (or verifies consistent work on MathWhizz or XtraMath). Please have your fourth grader bring their summer math packet to our meeting this week. Their reward is waiting.

### Reading:

Fourth graders begin the year hitting all aspects of reading. We’ll discuss what reading fluency means and practice reading aloud, paying attention to punctuation and grouping words together in ways that make sense. We’ll review active reading strategies that help us remember and understand what we read. We’ll use special techniques for reading textbooks and practice summarizing articles from “Time for Kids”. This month we also break open fiction, reading two novellas and responding in writing in our Reading Journals. In addition to the whole class instruction, each fourth grader will read independently at their level.

Each night fourth graders are asked to read for 20 minutes. This reading should be at a target level for growth. We call this the “just right level” for each student. Using Teacher’s College Reading Assessment data (from last week and the week ahead), each fourth grader receives a leveled text or book. Students read for 20 minutes each day, returning finished hard copies on Friday drop offs, exchanging for another. The online reading platform [www.kidsa-z.com](http://www.kidsa-z.com) also provides leveled text (Teacher username [cwilson329](mailto:cwilson329), password *GUAD4green*).

For the first month of school I ask students to embrace the leveled reading. Their Friday weekly quiz includes a written tell about to document what they’ve read. Once students are in the routine of reading a just right book, they are welcome to propose a book of their choosing. I’ll monitor to make sure their reading choices help them grow.

### Dates to Remember

**Tuesday, 9/1- Friday, 9/4:** Orientation Days  
Summer Math Packet drop off, science supplies, workbooks, Xeroxed resources, textbook and technology pick up, reading assessments, discussion

**Tuesday, 9/8:** Classes begin! Look to the classroom webpage each day for a daily schedule with links and detailed assignments.

**Thursday, 9/10:** All School Mass (attend virtually)

**Thursday, 9/17:** Town Hall Zoom

**Friday, 9/25:** Jog-a-thon

### Special Orientation Week Student Tasks, Videos and Links

**Tuesday:** <https://youtu.be/AxFmIJNwSuU>  
Pray with Mrs. Wilson, Read for 20 minutes  
<https://youtu.be/OTCOye-mqQQ>  
Organize your folders and notebooks

**Wednesday:** <https://youtu.be/iGLUhK6MI6Q>  
Pray with Mrs. Wilson, Read for 20 minutes  
<https://youtu.be/oBaszYlopKA>  
Organize your Science notebook

**Thursday:** <https://youtu.be/K5Nt3dC8RhQ>  
Pray with Mrs. Wilson, Read for 20 minutes  
As soon as you receive your passwords, login to MathWhizz and take the online assessment.  
<https://www.whizz.com/en-us/login/>

**Friday:** <https://youtu.be/60lbeDPhcXE>  
Pray with Mrs. Wilson, Read for 20 minutes  
Login to XtraMath and practice basic facts.  
[https://xtramath.org/-/signin/student\\_other](https://xtramath.org/-/signin/student_other)