

4St Friday Folder Memo

October 6th, 2017

Dear 4ST Families,

Greetings! Some updates on class news:

EVENT: I wanted to let everyone know that if you were not able to attend the 4th Grade Open House (which we held this past week), I will be sending out a document you can refer to for information we tried to cover in our evening presentation. It was nice to have many of our families come and visit on Tuesday evening, and I know that we are also hopeful that those who couldn't make it are able to get a sense of the curriculum that we tried to outline for the year ahead.

PICTURE DAY: Next Friday, Oct. 13th is our school picture day! I sent home notices in last week's Friday Folders, and a few students have returned their forms and payment to me already. I sent home a couple extras this week for students who may have needed a replacement form, but I think we have run out of additional hard copies. I believe the company Coffee Pond is doing our photos again this year, and you can simply order through their website. I'll try including a link you can use in an update early next week.

GUIDANCE: This week, our guidance counselor, Ms. V. for grade 4 (along with her intern, Ms. K.) came and visited the class for a Thursday morning introduction. She discussed ways she can support students in class and also as part of "Lunch Bunch" groups. Here's a note she wanted to pass along to families...

Hello 4th Grade Families,

We're having a great start to the school year and I'm so happy to be working with 4th grade this year! I have received countless requests for lunch bunches by 4th grade students, so in an attempt to include everyone, I would like to cycle through all the 4th graders this year and give everyone an opportunity to participate if they chose to. The lunch bunches will be once per week for 6-8 weeks during 4th grade lunch time, 11:05-11:30, and they will be facilitated by me or one of the guidance department interns.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know!

Best,
Lauren V.

READING: Today, we visited the library for the first time as 4th graders. The children were introduced to some of the new routines and privileges that come with their entry into the "middle-grade" years. One new thing they got to do was investigate the "Play-a-Way" kits, which include small MP3 devices and earbuds that children can use to listen to books read aloud. We'll be reinforcing the expectations that come with these devices (and the books that should be used to follow the text while listening) in the coming weeks. I wanted to just share that kids are perhaps going to be bringing them home this weekend and may choose the listening/reading option for their weekend reading.

Speaking of the weekend, I hope everyone enjoys the day off Monday, in observance of Columbus Day. Incidentally, there have been some letters I have received about ways Brookline is considering the name for this day, and I look forward to sharing some of these ideas with you—perhaps over the weekend! Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,
John