



# Welcome to the 4th Grade Open House

*Tarpon Springs  
Fundamental ES*



# Meet the team



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# Guidelines for Success

T - THINK RESPONSIBLY

S - SHOW RESPECT

F - FOCUS ON LEARNING

E - EXPECT THE BEST

S - SAFETY FIRST







# 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum

Our curriculum this year will follow the Pinellas County School Board expectations which reflect the Grade 4 Florida B.E.S.T. Standards:

ELA (English Language Arts)

\*Cursive/Typing

Word Study

Mathematics

Science

Social Studies

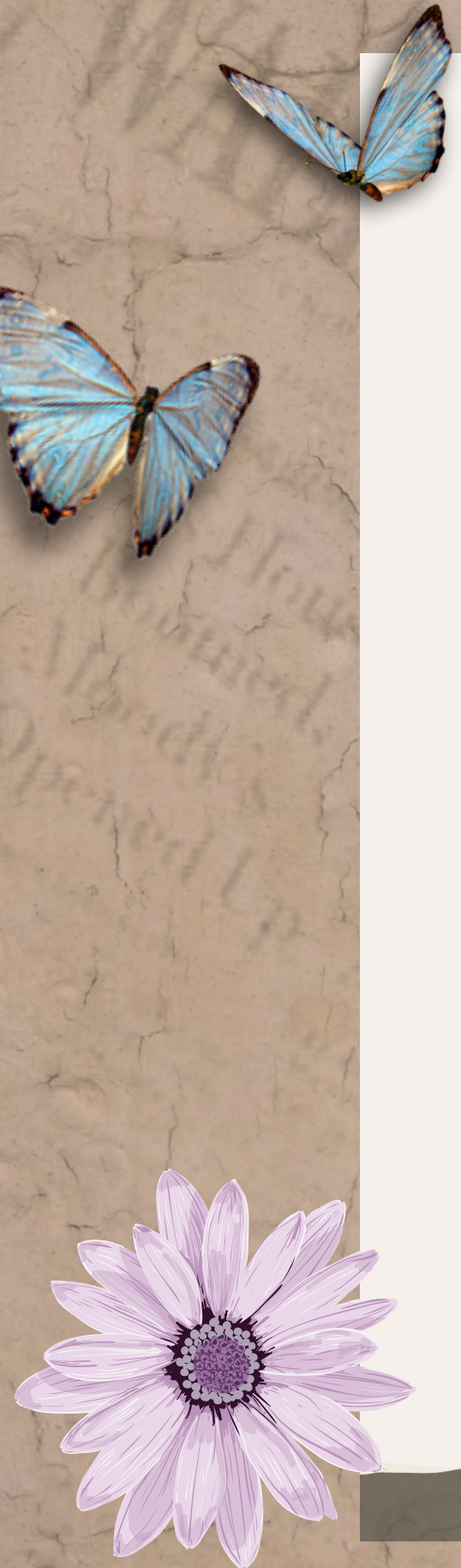




# Reading and Writing

Our goal is to teach our students to be successful in reading and writing by implementing comprehension strategies and practicing various skills while reading both fiction and non-fiction texts.

We believe in engaging students in various activities to not only make learning fun but to create deep thinking. Students will self-monitor and take ownership of their production and work quality.





# Reading and Writing Cont.

4th grade students will be expected to write various types of essays including: narrative, expository, and argumentative. This will be achieved by responding to a prompt after reading several texts on the same topic and generating a controlling idea based on the texts they read.

Our aim is to provide a platform for students to consider and think deeply about text and develop a love of reading and writing while increasing their stamina through independent practice.



# Reading and Writing Cont.

Students will also learn how to read and write in cursive. Please assist and encourage your child to practice his/her cursive skills. Along with writing in cursive, students will be expected to become proficient in typing. Essay writing will be completed on the computer this year.





# Mathematics

Pinellas County Curriculum Guide

Basic Fact mastery in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division is **CRUCIAL!**

**Dreambox** - computer program used during intervention /enrichment block  
district goal 60 minutes / 10 lessons a week

**McGraw Hill**- also offers mathematic games for students to play and is geared to review grade level concepts.

Math journaling enhances concept development and deeper understanding.







# Science

Pinellas County curriculum guide

Big Ideas

Text is ONLY a resource

Hands-on learning

Focus on scientific process

Science Showcase - Science Experiment





# Social Studies & Health



Social Studies and Health are embedded in core curriculum.

\*70 minutes of Social Studies a week.

\*20 minutes of Recess Daily.





# Assessments

County Assessments:

- \*Computer Based

- \*F.A.S.T. (Florida Assessment of Student Thinking)

Reading & Mathematics 3 times a year

- \*Benchmark and Math Assessments  
(3 times a year)

- \*Formative Science Assessments (2 times a year)

- \*Writing (2 times a year) ELA Module Assessments

- \*Florida Best Writing - 1 time a year



# Hands-On Technology

- \*SMART Board

- \*one-to-one computer

Gain word processing skills -Typing  
program on TSFES Student  
Resource page on Clever  
Students will become proficient  
with different technology  
platforms.





# Daily Schedule

Flow of the Day

8:05- 8:25: ELA Int.

8:25- 8:55: ELA Extra

8:55- 10:25: ELA

10:25- 11:15: Science

11:15-11:35: Recess

11:35-12:05: Lunch

12:05-1:25: Math

1:25- 2:10: Specials







# Homework



All homework must be signed, as well as the planner. Homework is assigned Monday through Thursday in 2-3 subjects, as practice from daily lessons.

Productive struggle is a positive thing! It is okay to let your child "struggle" a bit with math homework before helping out.

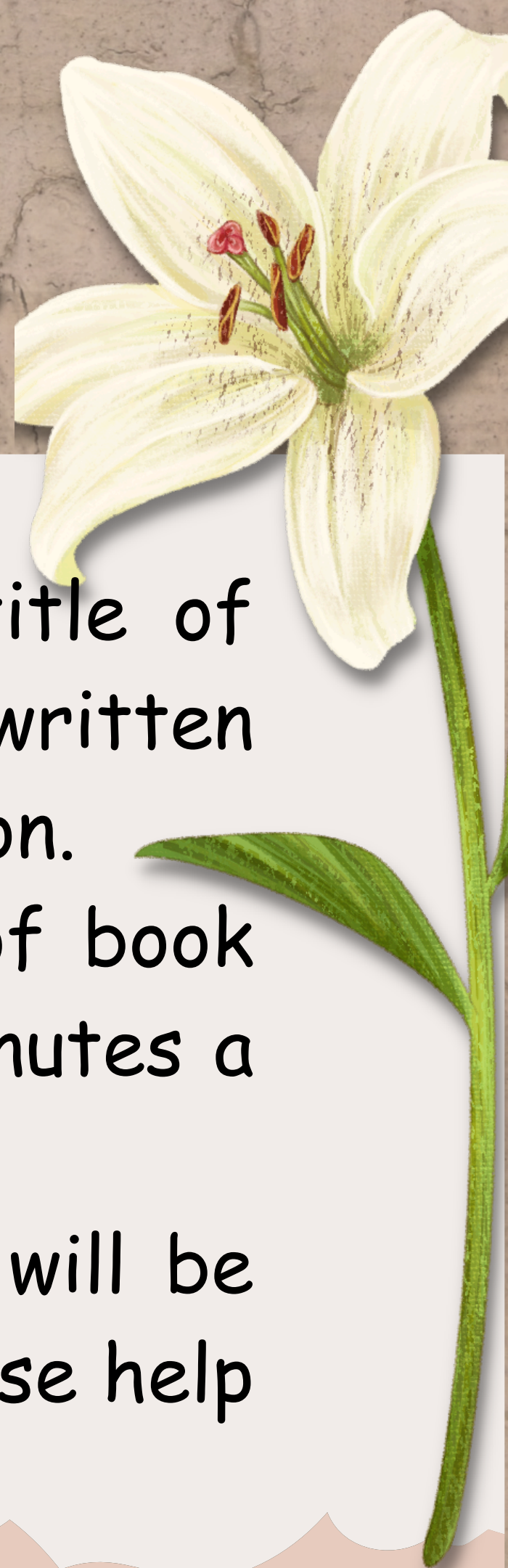
\*Homework Buddies, by phone, are strongly encouraged!

\*Planners need to be signed with a first initial **and** full last name or **full signature**. Initials will not be acceptable.

\*Reading log must be initialed nightly! Please see example provided.



# Homework cont.



Readers Response Journals (RRJ) must include date, title of book if applicable. Response to daily prompts should be written in complete sentences with correct spelling and punctuation.

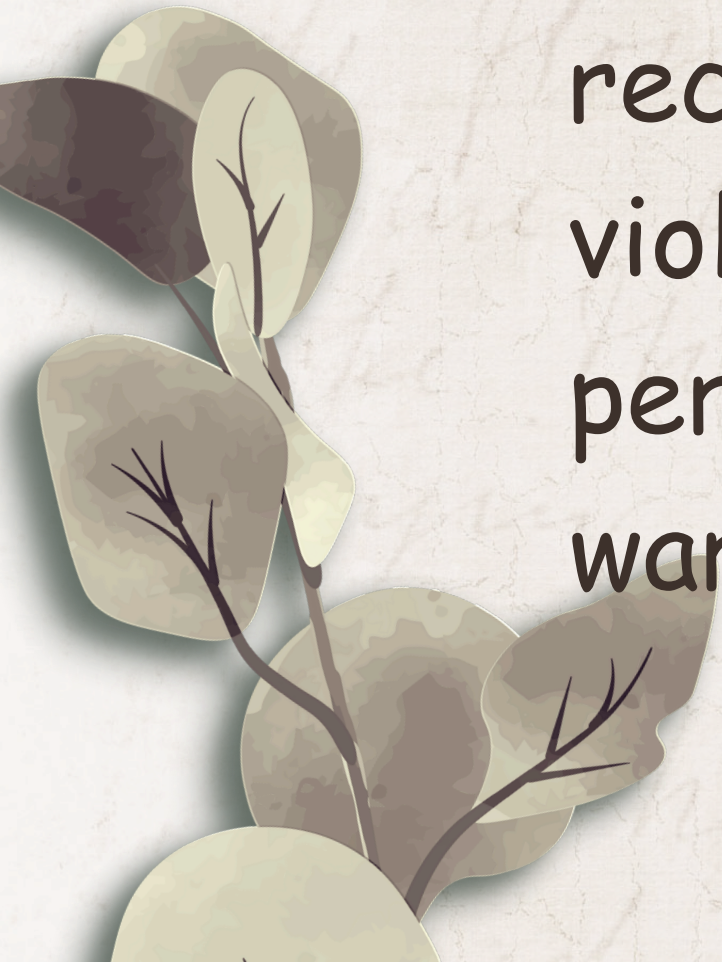
Daily reading needs to be logged in the planner: Title of book and number of pages read. Students need to read 30 minutes a day (Monday-Thursday).

Quality 4<sup>th</sup> grade work is expected; unacceptable work will be sent home to be redone, and a warning will be issued...please help us!!!



# Dress Code

Please refer to the Student Handbook or TSFES website for dress code guidelines. Students receiving three dress code violations within an in-fraction period will receive a written warning.





# Volunteers

Volunteers are wanted and needed!  
Please consider signing up to help students, teachers,  
and other staff. We greatly appreciate it!





# Field trip

Brooker Creek Preserve

-It is free!

We need 3, Level 1 volunteers for this field trip. we will send out an email to ask for chaperones.

\*Please fill out the St. Augustine survey by Friday.



# Family + Teachers = Student Success & Confidence

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