

Dear Parents,

Congratulations! You are the parent of a fourth grader here at County Line School! You will be amazed at just how much your child will grow this year. Most likely, your child has had the seeds of reading and writing planted, those seeds will continue to grow and blossom, making your child an accomplished reader and writer! You will see changes in your child's thinking, as he/she becomes familiar with abstract concepts and symbols.



Welcome 4th Grade Parents

County Line School
Let's have a great year!



Ways to help your child bloom...



The loveliest flowers usually have the best gardener – and that’s you! Staying involved in your child’s education is the key to a successful year. Engage your child in conversation about his/her day, but know that children won’t always give out much information. I will send home a weekly newsletter detailing our activities for the week. You can use this as a springboard for discussion; instead of saying, “What did you do at school today?” (The answer is often “nothing!”), or you can say, “Oh, I see you’re learning about . . . what did you find out?”



Home Folders and Assignment Notebooks

Another way to stay involved is to check your child's take home folder EVERY evening. You'll usually find it PACKED with homework, projects, flyers, notices from the office, as well as notes from me. As daunting as it may be, try to sort through them, and read each one; they often contain important information and reminders. Your child should come to school the next day with a **fairly empty** folder – just homework or notes to me!

Students will write in their assignment notebooks, Monday through Thursday (NO homework given on Fridays) and will need to be signed each night by an adult. You can also communicate with me in the notebook because I will be checking for a parent initial every morning. I will stamp the assignment notebooks each day.



Important

This year, more than ever, your child will need to focus on honing the organizational skills necessary to stay on top of her increasing workload.



A Few Procedures



To help keep things growing “weed-free”, it helps to remember our class procedures. If you are picking your child up from school, or if someone else is, please send in a signed, dated note with your child’s full name written on it. (The school is providing a pack of notes for your convenience.) These notes are sent to the office in the morning. If you e-mail me to inform me that your child will be absent, please let me know if I should forward it to the office for you.

- I encourage e-mail correspondence.



A Few Procedures



Your child will need a small, healthy snack each day. If you would like to provide a box of crackers to share with kids who forget snack, it would be very appreciated!!

(Kids really look forward to snack)

You may send water bottles with a spill- proof lid.

- It will take time getting used to a later lunch at 12:25 p.m.
- Please label winter clothes and supplies. It helps keep the lost and found box under control.



Parent – Teacher Communication

- In addition to report cards and our conferences, I am always available to meet or speak with you. If it is not urgent, please jot a note and I will respond as soon as possible. You may call the school or e-mail me as well.
- School:
tklumb@germantown.k12.wi.us



Seeds Need Sun and Water. . . Here's What We Need!



- In addition to the school supplies that your child will need, I always welcome donations. At the top of our “most wanted” list is baby wipes (for quick clean-ups), Scotch tape, indoor, outdoor recess games or equipment.
- Here's wishing us all a wonderful year of growth!



Thank you

The web site changes often.

Please continue to visit and I welcome
your ideas!

www.cometclassroom.com

