

Good day 2024-25 GHS Fourth Grade Families,

Welcome to Ms. Laura's 4th Grade! I'm so excited to be starting a new school year with your family.

COMMUNICATION

Communication is of paramount importance to me. I will reiterate this throughout the year, but starting now, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. Never assume I already know or think I'll be annoyed. I'd rather you err on the side of reaching out too much than not enough. My goal is to help your child grow personally and academically as much as possible, but I can't do it alone. Realizing that you and I are on the same page about what's going on at school and that we both care about their experience and growth can be a very powerful motivator for children. To this end, please find the Parent Survey attached to this letter. You can bring it to Open House or send it in with your child the first week of school. Your child will fill out their own in class.

- CLASS DOJO

- The primary way I communicate is through Class Dojo. Please be in the habit of checking Dojo daily for information about our weekly focus, upcoming events, issues, work, and general communication.
- Being in the loop with what we're doing in class will help you initiate interactions with your child about what they're doing in school. Doing so sends them a message that what they do is important to you and can help motivate them to engage more.
- If you're not familiar with Class Dojo, Open House would be a great time to make sure we're properly connected before the first day of school.

- EMAIL

- If Dojo is causing problems or you have something you'd like to connect about before we've connected on Dojo, please feel free to email me.
<lauradunlap@giffthillschool.org>

SUMMER WORK

Your child will be in a much better position to hit the ground running in September if they've been engaging in a little academic work throughout the summer. As best you can, especially in the final weeks of summer, please help your child carve out time most days each week for a little academic work: reading, math, and writing. It doesn't have to be a lot, but it will really help them to have activated those pathways and habits before school starts.

All the best,

Ms. Laura

Child's Name _____ Nickname _____

Birthday _____

My child lives with _____

Best Contact Phone Number(s) _____

My child's strengths are _____

My child could improve _____

Our goals for this year and beyond include _____

My child likes _____

My child tends to avoid _____

Dietary or health-related restrictions _____

On the back, please add any additional thoughts, questions, or concerns you have regarding your child, my class, or the upcoming school year that will help me be the best teacher I can be for them.

4th Grade School Supplies

- (3) Wide-Ruled Composition Notebooks
 - NOT college-ruled or spiral bound, please
- (12) Pencils
 - NOT mechanical, please
- Pencil Sharpener
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Glue Stick
- Scissors
- Highlighter
- Blue Ball Point Pen
- Red Ball Point Pen
- Black Ball Point Pen
- Set of Coloring instruments of choice: markers or colored pencils
- Supply box or pouch
- Headphones with cord
- Reusable water bottle with sealing lid (consider sending a backup that lives at school for days they forget their regular water bottle)
- Reusable bag for garden harvests