

Welcome to
Mrs. Christensen &
Mrs. Collom's
4th Grade



About Mrs. Christensen



- 15th year teaching
- Experience K-5 as a Gen Ed & Special Ed teacher
- Gates Chili Grad-Go Spartans



About Mrs. Gollon



- 8th year teaching
- Experience K-12 as a Gen Ed & Special Ed teacher
- Worked in a variety of educational settings



Differentiation

- Use pre-assessments, student work and observations to determine a student's abilities
- Work and instruction is based on a student's strengths and needs
- Occurs throughout our day

Home-School Partnership

Communication between home and school is essential. We will be in contact to update you on your child's progress frequently. If you have any questions at any point, please don't hesitate to contact us.

- Email us: Jennifer_christensen@gateschili.org and Sara_collom@gateschili.org
- Check out our Schoology page- **Mrs. Christensen and Mrs. Collom 2021-2022**



- Follow us on Twitter @FBChrisCrew



Our Schedule

8:55-9:10 Student Arrival & Morning Choice

9:15 Morning Meeting

9:25-10:50 Literacy

10:55-11:30 Lunch

11:35-1:00 Math

1:00-1:30 Science/Social Studies

1:30-1:50 Recess

1:50-2:25 Literacy

2:30-3:20 Specials



SPECIALS

schedule

Day 1

Phys. Ed
Mr. Jeffers

Day 2

Library
Mrs. Postell

Day 3

Phys. Ed
Mr. Vanderhoof

Day 4

Music
Mrs. Dunn

Day 5

Art
Mr. Fish



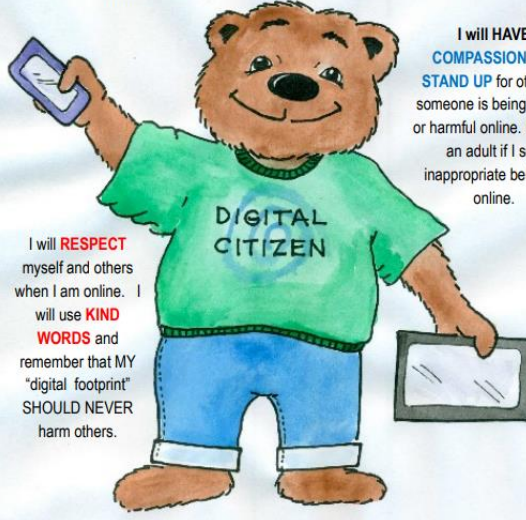
Digital Citizenship

I am a digital citizen!

I will **WORK HARD** and listen to my **GUT** to be **SAFE and APPROPRIATE** when I am online. I will only visit assigned websites. I will ask permission before going to a new website.

I will be **RESPONSIBLE** when using my device. I will protect my **PRIVATE INFO** and the information of others. I will log out, and not share my login or password with others.

I will **HAVE COMPASSION and STAND UP** for others if someone is being unkind or harmful online. I will tell an adult if I see inappropriate behavior online.



I will **RESPECT** myself and others when I am online. I will use **KIND WORDS** and remember that MY "digital footprint" **SHOULD NEVER** harm others.

I will keep my own electronics in my bookbag.






Literacy

- Mini-lessons- strategies and skills
- Students will be reading A LOT in fourth grade
- Meet with students frequently in small groups to target similar needs as well as conferring with students about their independent books
- Word Study & Phonics lessons
- Writer's Workshop-Narratives, Information, Literary Essays & Opinion writing



Independent Reading

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
		
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 schooldays, and Student C will have read for 3.

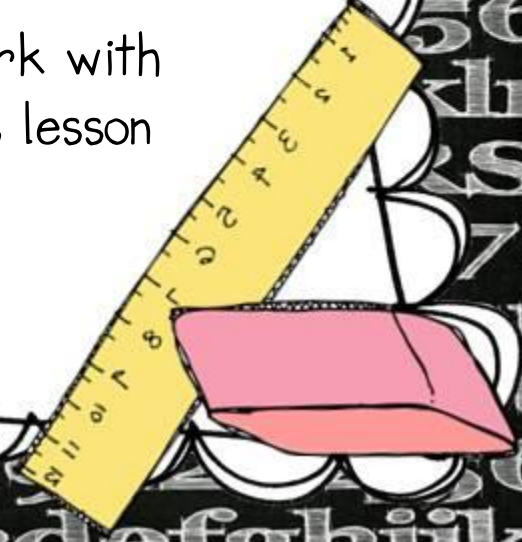
(Kang and Herman, 1987.)

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.



Math Workshop

- Math fluency/warm up (5 minutes)
- Math Lesson Focus (20-25 minutes)
- Workshop (40-45 minutes)
 - Students work independently on activities and games focused on review topics
 - Small groups of students are pulled to work with teachers on activities focused on the day's lesson focus





Homework

- Math Fact Fluency Practice-5 minutes each night
- Reading a “just right” book at least 20 minutes-daily



How is my child evaluated?

- Classwork
- Assessments
- Participation
- Effort
- Reports sent home three times a year



Parent Teacher Conferences

- Monday, December 6th from 8am-3:30pm
- Monday, December 13th from 4-7:30pm

We will be sending out a link to sign up. Please sign up for a session and indicate if you would like an in-person or Zoom conference.



Thank you!

We look forward to partnering together to make this a fantastic year in fourth grade. Please reach out to us with any further questions.

Jen Christensen & Sara Collom

