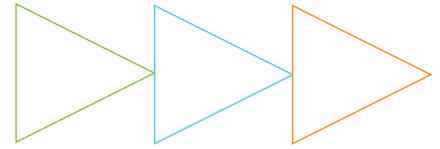


Family Road Map for Fourth grade



An overview of your child's academic, social and emotional growth, courtesy of Eudora Elementary School

Academic Top 5

Here are some of the things that students learn during their fourth grade year. If you'd like more details, contact your child's teacher, or visit www.eudoraschools.org/empower to see a generic copy of the fourth grade report card.

1. **Math:** Double digit multiplication and long division, fractions and multiples.
2. **Reading:** Fluency, comprehension (understanding what is read) and summarization skills. Greek mythology is a favorite part of the curriculum, as well.
3. **Social studies:** Geography and culture of the United States, traveling through the country's regions and topped off by a 50 states research project and presentation. Also, Kansas history.
4. **Science:** Environments, simple machines, sound and properties of matter.
5. **Writing:** Students learn and practice writing styles, including narrative, persuasive and expository.

Social emotional skills & behavior

Here are some of the developmental skills and phases that are typical at this age:

- Most fourth graders enjoy being part of a group, club, and/or team. They are becoming more self-conscious and tend to pay close attention to conforming to their peers in styles of dress and speech. They may begin to notice romantic interests.
- An ounce of encouragement — or an ounce of criticism — is greatly magnified by fourth graders. They also have a tendency to be self-critical and benefit greatly from gentle, consistent encouragement and reminders that all people have individual strengths and challenges.
- Fourth graders typically have a strong sense of right/wrong and fairness — “unfair” situations can be upsetting. They are becoming better at resolving social disagreements and solving problems in general.
- Healthy bodies make for healthy minds, and parents are the biggest influence on kids' decisions. Take time to explain your expectations about tobacco, alcohol and drug use, and touch base now and then to keep the lines of communication open.



COOL things about fourth grade

Fourth graders are unique! Here are a few of the many things that make this age special...

- Fourth graders are very expressive and love to talk, explain, negotiate and tell stories about something they have seen, heard, or read about. They can sometimes be described as “talking something into the ground.”
- Each Eudora fourth grader is the lucky recipient of a personal dictionary from the Lawrence Breakfast Optimist Club!
- Students at this age are likely feeling pressure from increasing academic expectations. Let us know if anxiety brings more serious warning signs, such as inability to sleep or sleeping too much, sudden changes in eating habits or concentration, risky behaviors or no interest in school, friends or activities. We can help!
- Fourth graders at EES have so many new opportunities, ranging from drama club and honors choir to spelling bee, geography bee and FLIK student leadership!

Questions?

If you have questions, or believe your child might benefit from more support in any area of learning and growth, here are some resources:

- **Your student's teacher** is a great first checkpoint if you have questions or concerns about academic progress or experiences at school.
- **Our school principals** are a good resource if you have concerns or questions about your child that extend beyond the classroom or aren't able to be resolved with your child's teacher.
- If your student seems to be struggling with social and emotional skills or is going through a stressful time with family or friends, our **WRAP worker (mental health professional) or school counselors** can help. You can reach these professionals by calling the school office.