

PARENT GUIDE TO

FOURTH GRADE

Second Nine Weeks

READING LANGUAGE ARTS

Our class is exploring healthy choices, heroic stories, and how people overcome challenges.

- Ask your student to explain a problem and solution they read about in a story or article.
- Talk about how one event causes another using words like “because” or “so.”
- Read together and look for text and graphic features—headings, charts, or diagrams—and discuss how these help you understand the main idea.
- Ask, “What is the big idea or lesson in this text? What details show that?”
- Encourage your student to use examples from the text when they explain an answer.
- Invite them to write about topics that matter to them—opinions, favorites, or big ideas.

MATH

Module 3 Multi-Digit Multiplication and Division:

- Your child will use place value and visual tools (like charts or drawings) to solve multiplication and division problems with larger numbers.

[Grade 4 Math Module 3 Tips for Families \(English and Spanish\)](#)

Module 4 Angle Measure and Place Figures:

- Your child will learn about points, lines, line segments, rays, and angles, and how they relate to each other. They will use this knowledge to identify shapes and solve simple geometry problems.

[Grade 4 Math Module 4 Tips for Families \(English and Spanish\)](#)

SCIENCE

- Explore how energy moves when things are moving, like rolling balls or waves in water.
- Listen to sounds and talk about how energy travels through air to make the sounds we hear.
- Try simple experiments to see how electricity flows in a circuit to light a bulb or make things warm.
- Identify everyday items that let heat or electricity pass through (conductors) and those that don’t (insulators).
- Observe and talk about forces like gravity (why things fall), friction (why things slow down), and magnetism (how magnets pull or push).
- Watch how Earth changes slowly over time, like how wind or water moves dirt and rocks, and discuss what causes these changes.

SOCIAL STUDIES

During this grading period, students are studying the exploration and colonization of Texas, and Independence to Annexation. Students will learn:

- Why Spain, France, and Mexico explored & settled Texas.
- Important explorers.
- Spanish missions and settlements.
- Key events and people of the Texas Revolution.
- Why Texas wanted independence from Mexico.
- Challenges of the Republic of Texas.
- Texas’ annexation to the U.S. and the U.S.-Mexican War.

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HOW CAN I HELP MY Exceptional Learner

Encourage a Growth Mindset

- Help your child understand that mistakes and challenges are part of learning.
- Talk about the process of learning, not just the final product.

Nurture Their Curiosity at Home

- Offer books, puzzles, projects, or hands-on experiences tied to your child's interests.
- Let them dive deep into a topic they love – animals, space, history, engineering, or anything that sparks excitement.

Build Independence and Responsibility

- Teach your child how to plan and organize their tasks using lists, calendars, or reminders.
- Help them learn how to break a big assignment into smaller steps and stay on track

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD LEARN AT HOME?

Build Skills in Everyday Moments

- Cooking can help with math (measuring, fractions, sequencing.)
- Grocery shopping can become a lesson in budgeting, estimation, or nutrition.
- Writing a letter, making a schedule, or building something are all ways to apply real-life learning.

Read Together

- Read aloud together or have your child read to you even older kids benefit from shared reading.
- Ask questions like: "What do you think will happen next?" or "Why do you think the character did that?"
- Encourage your student to read just for fun.

DIGITAL TOOLS FOR SUCCESS FOR HOME & SCHOOL



The below tools are accessible through DISD's [ClassLink Portal](#). Click the ClassLink Icon to the left and login with Student ID and Password.



(Free Resource)



BEYOND ACADEMICS SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL BEHAVIOR

Character Strong:

- Responsibility (October)
- Gratitude (November)
- Empathy (December)

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