

PARENT GUIDE TO

FOURTH GRADE

Fourth Nine Weeks

READING LANGUAGE ARTS

This grading period, students strengthen key reading and writing skills. They will practice writing clear responses, using text evidence, and improving sentence clarity. Students will read engaging texts and explore themes that will guide a short research project.

Students will:

- Write clear responses that include a claim and evidence.
- Organize ideas with strong reasons and explanations.
- Revise sentences to make writing smoother and more precise.
- Identify an author's claim, evidence, and perspective.
- Read new texts, identify themes, and use those themes to explore research topics.

MATH

Module 7

Exploring Measurement with Multiplication and Data

- Students will apply mathematical understanding to a clock, a ruler and measurement tools, such as a grocery scale.
- Students will work on understanding measurement systems (customary (US) and metric (Global/Science); understanding measurement values such as 12 inches are equivalent to 1 foot.
- Students will use conversion tables to show patterns such as 1 gallon = 4 quarts followed by 2 gallons = 8 quarts, etc.

[Grade 4 Math Module 7 Tips for Families](#)
([English](#) and [Spanish](#))

SCIENCE

- Look at different plants and talk about how features like thick, waxy leaves or deep roots help them live in their environment.
- Talk about traits children have inherited from their parents (like eye color) versus things they learn or develop (like riding a bike).
- Explore how plants make their own food using sunlight, water, and air, and how they “cook” their food using the Sun.
- Discuss food webs by thinking about how energy from the Sun moves through plants (producers), animals (consumers), and things that break down dead plants and animals (decomposers).
- Learn about fossils and what they tell us about environments long ago, including some fossils found in Texas.

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Describe the free enterprise system.
- Explain how major events during the 20th century changed life in Texas.
- Explain how the discovery of oil at Spindletop helped Texas grow.
- Describe how Texans have changed their environment through farming, transportation, and construction.
- Explain how science and technology—like energy and space research—have improved life in Texas.
- Describe how important Texans have helped shape the state through leadership, service, and innovation.
- Explain how towns and cities developed in Texas.

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HOW CAN I HELP MY Exceptional Learner

- What improvements have you seen in how my child communicates their ideas?
- How well does my child manage long-term assignments or projects?
- What areas of growth do you recommend we focus on before 5th grade begins?
- What's something my child has done this year that shows maturity or leadership?
- Which academic habits should we help them maintain or improve over the summer?
- Are there enrichment or review opportunities you'd suggest between now and next year?

LOOKING AHEAD Preparing for Fifth Grade

Fifth grade serves as a gateway for students to grow as leaders on campus. Parents can help by:

Building organization systems. Practice using folders, planners, or checklists to keep track of assignments.

Encouraging independent learning. Let your child attempt challenging tasks before asking for help—skills they'll need in upper elementary.

Strengthening reading comprehension. Discuss themes, messages, and how characters deal with problems.

Reinforcing math problem-solving . Multi-step problems become common; practice breaking big tasks into smaller parts.

DIGITAL TOOLS FOR SUCCESS FOR HOME & SCHOOL



ClassLink

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:

- Cooperation (March)
- Courage (April)
- Creativity (May)

Cooperation means working together to reach a common goal, even when tasks feel challenging or opinions differ. Students learn how to listen, share ideas, and respect others' strengths.

Courage isn't just about being brave in big moments—it's also about speaking up, trying new things, and doing what's right even when it's difficult. Students learn that courage can look quiet or bold, and that mistakes are part of growing.

Creativity is the practice of thinking in new ways, solving problems with imagination, and expressing ideas through art, writing, design, or innovation.

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