

PARENT GUIDE TO

FOURTH GRADE

First Nine Weeks

READING LANGUAGE ARTS

In our first reading and writing units, we are exploring how people grow, what shapes identity, and how we use our senses to understand the world.

- Ask your student to tell you the problem and solution in their book.
- Talk about how one event caused another—use words like “because” and “so.”
- Read together and look for how characters change.
- Ask, “What is the big idea or lesson in that story?”
- Encourage your student to use examples from the text when they explain answers.
- Let them write about topics that matter to them—opinions, favorites, or big ideas.

MATH

Module 1 Place Value, Rounding, and Algorithms for Addition and Subtraction: Your student will be developing place value, understanding of numbers up to 1 billion, and applying that understanding to round, compare, and order numbers, as well as to add and subtract multi-digit numbers.

[Grade 4 Math Module 1 Tips for Families \(English and Spanish\)](#)

Module 2 Unit Conversions and Problem Solving with Metric Measurement: your student will be working on length, mass, and capacity in the metric system, converting units, and applying unit conversions to solve and reason through multi-step word problems. Additionally, students use input–output tables to represent the relationship between the input values and output values with numerical expressions.

[Grade 4 Math Module 2 Tips for Families \(English and Spanish\)](#)

SCIENCE

- Support them in creating charts, graphs, or diagrams to organize and understand information.
- Talk about different models (like maps or miniatures), their uses, and their limits.
- Classify and describe materials by temperature, weight, magnetism, whether they sink or float, and if they are solid, liquid, or gas.
- Explore and compare mixtures, such as liquids mixed with liquids or solids mixed with liquids.
- Observe and explain how matter stays the same when mixtures like soil and water or oil and water are combined.

SOCIAL STUDIES

During this grading period, students will be learning about the regions of Texas & Native Americans in Texas. Students will:

- Compare regions of Texas, determining what makes them unique.
- Explore how land and climate shape where people live.
- Discover how people have changed the land.
- Learn about the first American Indian groups in Texas.
- Compare the ways of life of different Native groups.
- Explore the cultural regions of American Indians in Texas.

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QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER



- What are the most important things my student will learn this year in your class?
- How is my student doing academically and socially compared to grade-level expectations?
- What can I do at home to support what you're teaching in the classroom?
- How do you support students who struggle with a concept or fall behind?
- How does my student participate during class, and do they ask for help when needed?
- What assessments do you use to measure progress, and how are the results used?
- What are some ways we can encourage a love of reading and learning at home?

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD LEARN AT HOME?

- Give your student small daily responsibilities like packing their backpack or setting a timer for reading time.
- Practice polite ways to ask for help by role-playing conversations at home.
- Encourage your student to read or listen to all instructions before starting a task.
- Play games or activities that involve following multi-step directions.
- Practice math facts daily!

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:

- Kindness Kickoff (August)
- Respect (September)
- Responsibility (October)

Perspective-Taking: To consider a situation from another person's point of view. Skills:

- Work to understand others' thoughts & feelings.
- Consider how to respond after understanding other people's point of view.

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