

June 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hello and congratulations to your students who are moving onto the next grade level! My name is Ms. Ramirez and I am excited to be your child's 4th/5th grade Math and Science teacher in Room 217.

Fourth and fifth grade Math and Science will be hard, but may be smoother for students who practice and do their homework on a daily basis! Homework will be given nightly. I ask that you please look over your child's work to check that they took their time on it and are handing in their best work. Homework should take 20 - 30 minutes to complete. Please do not leave work blank. If a student is struggling they may write questions under the problems so that we can review them the next day to clear up any confusion.

***To prevent summer learning loss*** please have them do math at least 30 min a day if possible!

→ For those who have access to devices, Khan Academy is a great resource! Your child can visit the website and practice whichever grade level that they ended the year on. If your child can't remember where they left off grade level wise, then their IXL should have that data! Or just have them pick what they think is challenging for them 😊.

→ For those who need non technology related practice a good place to start is flashcards for Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, and Division fact tables. They sell separate sets of all these at Dollar Tree! Or buy index cards and have children make their very own flash cards 😊. Ms. (O'Neill) Shanahan also recommended a site that sells practice books for all subjects too in her Welcome Letter.

**\*\*\*In order for students to complete the challenging and rigorous math work in 4th and 5th grade  
ALL students MUST have their Math Fact Tables memorized.**

**Many students may already know these, but please practice them over the summer because if you don't you may forget them. \*\*\***

Uniforms are expected to be worn each and every day: Navy blue pants/skirts (no blue jeans), navy blue polo shirts, and gym shoes (open toed shoes and sandals are prohibited). Uniforms are on sale at the school.

Volunteer opportunities at the school are always needed. Please contact me, the office or the administration if you could be of service to us. Parent/Guardian involvement is super important in terms of Hearst's success.

If you have any questions about the classroom standards, comments, or concerns regarding your child's educational progress, please email at [kramirez91@cps.edu](mailto:kramirez91@cps.edu).

A supply list is posted on the school website and attached. Please make sure they come to school on August 21st with all of the materials needed.

I cannot wait to see and work with students who are returning to me and students who will be new to me come Fall 2023!

😊 Enjoy your hard earned summer!!! 😊

Sincerely,  
Ms. Ramirez  
4<sup>th</sup> and 5th Grade Math/Science Teacher  
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