

# 4TH GRADE NEWS



THE FOURTH GRADERS ARE HERE!  
THEY WERE SO EXCITED TO GET  
RIGHT TO WORK! WELCOME!

## Welcome Back to School!

We are so excited that the school year has finally begun! As we get to know your child this week, each of us is filled with joy. We are so blessed to be their teachers. We look forward to learning about each of their special gifts and talents. They are truly a gift from God.

In this letter, you will find information that will help you become better acquainted with our classrooms. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us using one of the methods below. Good communication with the parents of our students is very

important to us. We believe that it is only by working as a team that we can help the children to become the men and women that God intended for them to be. God bless and welcome back!

### NEED TO GET IN TOUCH?

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We send home a 4th grade newsletter each week via email. This newsletter is also posted on the school web site. It provides an abundance of information concerning the educational progress of the 4th graders.

Papers will be sent home once a week. Additionally, there will be a behavior chart attached to the weekly papers. This is to keep you informed of the social progress your child. Again, if there are any concerns, please feel free to contact us.

# Meet The Teachers



MRS. BINKO

My teaching career has spanned 21 years, the last 16 years at CCS. I have 2 children: Josh, a senior at Bellevue University, and Ariel who is a graduate of Grace University. Ariel is married to Aaron Sandine and they have one daughter, Eliana. Ellie is 15 months old and loves exploring. Loren, (my wonderful husband of 31 years) and I so enjoy being Ellie's grandpa and grandma. Her active nature helps to keep us young! In my free time, you will find me watching, listening to, or reading the news. I also love reading history books, studying God's precious word, and sharing those life giving truths with others. I have always wanted to be a teacher. I consider myself enormously blessed to have the privilege to do everyday what I believe the Lord created me to do.



MRS. STIANSEN

I am excited to join the 4th grade team at CCS this year after being an elementary substitute here last year. I have a BS in Elementary and Early Childhood Education and a MA in Religion and Biblical Studies as well as 8 years of teaching experience. I have been married to Tim for over twenty years and we have two children, Grace, 18, and Gabe, 17. We are an Army family, Tim is recently retired, and we have lived here in Bellevue since 2007. I enjoy teaching and leading small group Bible studies, attending our son's baseball games and our daughter's track meets, and eating at local restaurants.



MRS. GILBERT

I have been teaching at CCS for 11 years, with the last two years teaching in 4th grade. I have a BS in Elementary Education and an Early Childhood Endorsement. My husband, Michael and I have five children: Matthew 20, Meghan 18, Jessy 17, Andrew 6, and Nathan 4. I attend Christ Community Church and participate in teaching Sunday school and the choir. I love to take pictures in my spare time along with reading the Bible and just relaxing with my family.



# Spelling and Memory Work

Fourth grade spelling is a challenge. Because of this, we will be working on each spelling list for two weeks. Every Friday they will have some type of test; either a pre-test or a final test. They will be working on their spelling words here at school about three times a week. The rest of the work and any additional practice should be completed at home. If your child receives 100% on the pre-test, they will not need to take the final. But, they will still be working with these words at school throughout the entire two weeks. You will notice at the end of their list are a few vocabulary words. These vocabulary words are included on the weekly spelling test and are counted as bonus points if spelled correctly. They will have a separate vocabulary matching test that will highlight these words. This test will follow the final spelling test.

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## BIBLE MEMORIZATION: 1 PETER 1:1-2 DUE AUGUST 19

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### History Memorization

The fourth grade class will be memorizing several historical documents. The first is the American's Creed. History memorization will be tested every Thursday. A copy of the historical piece will be in their red take-home folder. One copy should stay in their take-home folder and one copy can be left at home for your convenience. Please work on this memorization piece daily and we will try to do the same in class.

### Bible Memorization

We will begin our Bible memory work this year by memorizing 1 Peter 1:1-9. We will break this up into small manageable pieces each week so as not to get overwhelmed. What a blessing it is to be able to memorize and meditate on God's word and to have these words "hidden in their hearts" for a lifetime.



## ASSIGNMENT NOTEBOOKS

EACH NIGHT YOUR CHILD WILL BRING HOME THEIR ASSIGNMENT NOTEBOOK WITH ALL OF THEIR HOMEWORK. IT IS YOUR CHILD'S RESPONSIBILITY TO SHOW YOU THIS NOTEBOOK AND REQUEST YOUR SIGNATURE EVERY EVENING. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO WRITE ANY NOTES HERE AS WELL. WE WILL CHECK THEM EACH MORNING.



## SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

WE WILL HAVE PE EVERY MONDAY AND THURSDAY. PLEASE BRING TENNIS SHOES FOR THESE DAYS. MUSIC IS TUESDAY AND FRIDAY. CHAPEL, ART, AND LIBRARY WILL BE HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY.



## BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS ARE A WONDERFUL THING TO CELEBRATE AT SCHOOL. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SEND TREATS ALONG WITH YOUR CHILD FOR THEIR BIRTHDAY. IF YOUR CHILD HAS A SUMMER BIRTHDAY, WE WILL CELEBRATE THEIR HALF BIRTHDAY.

At Cornerstone, we rely on parents to help drive for field trips. Opportunities to help with this will be in our weekly note home when the time should arise.

## Behavior

CCS has encouraged it's teachers to employ a Love and Logic approach to discipline and classroom behavior. This will be our approach as well. We want to help these 4th graders become responsible, polite, and considerate servants of Christ. We will seek to employ loving and logical consequences while involving each student in the process. Each week a behavior checklist will be sent home with their weekly papers. This is to keep you informed of certain behaviors that had to be addressed during the week. If no behaviors were checked, praise your child for another great week at school and for maintaing self-control.

**LIBRARY: GILBERT-MONDAY**  
**STIANSEN- WEDNESDAY**

## Water Bottles

are welcome in our classrooms. Please only fill them with water - colored liquids can stain the floors. The students are to keep them on the floor. (Please only use bottles that have a flip open lid.)

## Afternoon Snack

Since our lunch begins at 11 AM this year, we have decided to dedicate a few minutes for an afternoon snack. Healthy finger foods are best.

## Team Teaching

This year all fourth grade students will have Mrs. Gilbert for Reading and Writing, Mrs. Binko for US History, and Mrs. Stiansen for Science. We teachers so enjoy getting to know all of the 4th graders!

**HISTORY MEMORY: LINES 1-3**  
**AMERICAN'S CREED DUE 8-21**

## GRADING SCALE

A+	99-100
A	96-98
A-	94-95
B+	92-93
B	88-91
B-	86-87
C+	84-85
C	78-83
C-	76-77
D+	74-75
D	72-73
D-	70-71
F	69

## Late Assignments

We deduct 5 points each day that an assignment is late during the first semester. In certain circumstances (illness, family emergency, etc) this deduction is waived. In these cases, the student will have 2 school days to make up work.

