Fourth Grade Homework Policy

The school district has set the following percentages:

Reading, Science, Social Studies, Math

Tests = 40%

Project/Presentation = 20%

Classwork = 30%

Homework = 10%

Writing Grade

Writing = 100% (Includes graphic organizers, rough drafts and final copies)

**Homework for Language Arts**

Students will devote much of their time to reading as research supports that this is the primary way to improve reading skills. With this in mind, students are expected to spend *at least* 30 minutes every night reading. I am asking parents to sign their child’s reading log every night. In addition to reading every night, your child will be expected to complete their spelling homework. All homework is due each Friday. (Exceptions will be noted on my website – <http://www.mrskurtzman2017.weebly.com>.) Throughout the week, students should be studying their list of spelling/vocabulary terms for a brief quiz every Friday. Students will routinely have quizzes on Friday that address a specific PSSA skill/term taught during the course of the week. Writing assignments should be completed in school, however, writing may be brought home if more time is needed. *(Spelling words are available on my website the Friday before, if students want to get a head start for the week.)*

**Social Studies and Science**

Students are given homework Monday through Thursday. The homework is due the following day. Late homework is accepted, but students will not receive the homework points. Students record their homework on a colorful piece of notebook paper that stays in your child’s yellow science folder.

**Math**

Students will be assigned one or two pages in their Math workbook Mon.-Thurs. to review what was taught that day. Before tests, I copy and hand out a page from my Extra Practice workbook that acts as a review.

\*\*\*\*\*\***If you find your child spending an exorbitant amount of time on their homework, please contact us and we can make modifications as needed.\*\*\*\*\*\***

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Please sign and return the bottom portion by Friday September 8, 2017

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