Welcome to 4th Grade
South Salem Elementary
Meet the 4th Grade Teachers

Back Row: Emily Harvey, Nikki LeFevre, Sarah McDevitt, Suzette Thompson

Front Row: Kim Mills, Andrea Edmunds, Aaz’yah Howard
- Research-based curriculum studies
- Clear, focused standards for teachers, parents and students to understand what is expected of them
- College-ready standards

- Spiral approach, through 4th grade, and all grade levels
- Incorporates subjects within each other;

**Examples:** Science texts and articles are studied in Reading, Mathematical graphing and charts are made to show historical facts in Social Studies, etc.)

https://www.georgiastandards.org/Georgia-Standards/Pages/default.aspx
Reading, Writing, & Grammar

Incorporated in all subjects

Writing to explain mathematical thinking and reading word problems

Reading articles from other subjects: asking and answering questions
We will be reading three novels this year as a class. During the reading process we will focus on many standards and strategies to help your child become a better reader and improve their reading comprehension.

**Novels**
- George Washington’s Socks
- Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH
- The Mysterious Benedict Society
Math

In mathematics, we will be using problem-solving methods to develop reasoning skills and perseverance. We will also provide various manipulatives, models, and strategies.
We are excited to have new science material to teach your students this year and expose them to different occupations in each area.

Topics of Study:
- Stars & Planets
- Water Cycle
- Weather & Climate
- Light & Sound
- Forces
- Ecosystems
Social Studies

This year in Social Studies your student will learn about several exciting standards. Social Studies will incorporate reading and writing standards.

A Few Topics of Study

- American Revolution
- Westward Expansion
- Civil War
- Economics
Assessments

To avoid too many assessments on Fridays, we aim to have the following days of each week set aside for different academic subjects.

• **Tuesday**: ELA
• **Wednesday**: Math
• **Thursday**: Science/Social Studies
• **Friday**: Weekly Vocabulary Words
Grades

• We use the “old way” of grading, which is on a 100% scale.
  • A = 90 – 100% = mastering standards
  • B = 80 – 89% = needs a bit more practice to master standards
  • C = 70 – 79% = needs quite a bit more practice to master standards
  • F = 0 – 69 % = needs to learn more to master standards

• Grades will be posted at the end of the week in Infinite Campus.
• CANVAS also has quiz and discussion post grades at times.
• Report cards will go home at the end of each 9 week period.
GA Milestones

• Students in grades 3-8 will take the End of Grade Assessment in the following content area:
  • Language Arts
  • Math

• GA Milestones measures how well the students have learned the knowledge and skills outlined in the state adopted content standards.

• Features include: constructed responses in Language Arts and Math, a writing component, and norm referenced items to provide a national comparison.

• The state will continue to transition to online testing over time.
• PBIS focuses on building a positive school culture, where all students, teachers, and families have a common language and understanding of appropriate behaviors.

• Instead of focusing on negative behaviors, the school works to teach students desired behaviors and to reward students when they follow rules and expectations.

Spartans LEAD!
PBIS - GUIDELINES FOR AWARDING SPARTAN BUCKS

Why?
• The Spartan Buck is a positive behavior recognition to encourage our students to consistently demonstrate “The Spartan Way”
• Spartan Rewards should ONLY be given to students who are consistently demonstrating core values of SSES.

Who?
• All staff (teachers, office, and paraprofessionals) should be awarding Spartan Rewards.

Students can spend their Spartan Bucks monthly at the PBIS store or in their classroom.
This year for specials your student will attend the same class four days a week for the nine weeks, and go to P.E. one day a week.

Our specials classes are:
- Music
- S.T.E.A.M.
- Computer
- Spanish
- P.E.

Taught by:
- Ms. Nelson
- Ms. Paige
- Ms. Bonnie
- Ms. White
- Coach Sloop
Homework

• A homework sheet will be provided each Monday and due each Friday.
• Students are expected to take notes home to study a bit each night before tests.
• Please be sure to have your child read 20 minutes each night.
• At times, students may need to bring additional classwork home to be completed and returned to school.
Why read?

The data on the right shows that the more a child reads each day, the more exposure to vocabulary, which leads to a significant increase in academic successes in school.
PARENTS

• Please sign your child’s agenda every night.

• Friday Folders include parent information and student’s graded work – please go over it each weekend with your child.

• Newsletters are emailed on Fridays – please provide an updated email!

• Please attend conferences!

• Volunteers for different school events are always needed.

• FREE Parent Resources are available in the Media Center!
Reminders

• School starts at 7:40

• Transportation changes must be a handwritten note OR emailed from a known parent email

• No checkouts after 1:45

• Title I nights are held monthly – these are wonderful for receiving additional resources and strategies to help your child learn