

4TH GRADE NEWSLETTER

September 2025

Meet the Teachers

Hi Families! My name is Ms. Gibbs, one of the fourth grade reading/social studies teachers here at GNS. I have had the wonderful pleasure of meeting your scholars. This quarter in social studies, fourth graders will begin their journey thinking and talking like historians. They will explore indigenous cultures that existed in the northern region of present-day United States and Maryland.

Dear Families, my name is Ms. Commissiong. Welcome to an exciting new school year! I am thrilled to have your child in my 4th-grade Reading/Language Arts class. September is all about building strong foundations, both in academics and in classroom community. Here's what we'll be focusing on this month:

In Reading and Language Arts, students will begin the year with a focus on foundational comprehension skills:

- Identifying main idea and supporting details.
- Recognizing text structures (sequence, cause/effect, compare/contrast, etc.)
- Making inferences (reading between the lines).
- Summarizing literary and informational texts.

Hello 4th Grade Families! My name is Ms. Lyons, and it has been great getting to know your scholars so far. I'm looking forward to a successful school year. This month in math, students will learn about the structure of whole numbers focusing on rounding, comparing, and adding/subtracting whole numbers. In health, we will learn about those who keep us safe in our community and conflict resolution skills.

Greetings 4th grade families! My name is Ms. Totten. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know your scholars thus far, and I am looking forward to our partnership this school year. In science, we will focus on energy, forces and collisions by exploring the physics of car crashes. Students will examine the relationship between an object's speed and the forces that it experiences by making observations and analyzing data.

Important Dates

- **9/1:** Labor Day (No School)
- **9/12:** Teacher Planning (Half-Day/Early Dismissal for Students)
- **9/17:** Back to School Night
5:30pm-7:30pm
- **9/23:** Professional Development (No School)

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