



Welcome to 4TH Grade!

We look forward to having you in our school next year! Below is the school supply list for 4th grade, along with information about field trips for next year. On the other side, you can read about the teachers who teach 4th grade.

If you haven't registered for the 2016-17 school year, please be sure to do so as soon as possible! We strongly encourage you to register online. Go to my.austinisd.org and click on the Student Registration tile. If you have trouble with the password, please call the front office before June 8th, 2016 for assistance.

Students will be assigned to teachers in August just before school starts, and you'll be able to meet your new teacher at our annual Back to School Ice Cream Social on Friday, August 19, 2016 from 4-6 pm.

4th Grade School Supplies

PLEASE DO NOT MARK SCHOOL SUPPLIES WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME

<u>24</u>	#2 Pencils, pre-sharpened
<u>2</u>	Erasers, large – White Pearl brand preferred
<u>1</u>	Crayola washable markers – 10 count
<u>1</u>	Crayola crayons – 24 count
<u>1</u>	Crayola colored pencils – 24 count
<u>4</u>	Elmer's glue sticks
<u>2</u>	Elmer's glue bottle
<u>1</u>	Fiskars scissors
<u>2</u>	EXPO Dry Erase markers – 1) 4 pack of wide tip and 2) 4 pack of fine tip
<u>4</u>	Highlighters – 2 yellow, 1 pink, 1 green
<u>6</u>	Wide ruled composition notebooks – no color preference
<u>1</u>	Protractor with ruler
<u>3</u>	Vinyl/plastic folders with pockets & brads – no color preference
<u>1</u>	Ziploc bags, snack size with EZ open tabs
<u>1</u>	Ziploc bags, gallon size with sliders
<u>1</u>	Copy paper
<u>1</u>	Notebook paper, wide ruled
<u>1</u>	Colored cardstock
<u>2</u>	3-ring binders, 1" – no color preference, but needs clear front
<u>2</u>	Dividers with pockets – 2 pkgs with 5 tabs each
<u>2</u>	Pencil bag - fabric with 3 holes for ring binder
<u>2</u>	Kleenex tissues
<u>1</u>	Disinfecting wipes
<u>\$45</u>	Field trip fee
<u>\$5</u>	Technology fee
<u>1</u>	Set of headphones (no earbuds please)

Next year, students will take four field trips. The students will visit Austin Nature Center, Bob Bullock History Museum, Zach Scott Theatre, and the Alamo. Total cost for the year will be \$45, which includes entrance fees and transportation costs.



Say Hello to our 4TH Grade Teachers!

Come meet them in person, drop off your supplies, and enjoy some ice cream at the Back to School Ice Cream Social on August 19th, 2016 from 4-6 pm.

<p>ERIKA VILLANUEVA - Dual Language</p>	<p>An expert teacher with over 17 years' experience, Ms. Villanueva is entering her 9th year at THES. She loves seeing the look in her students' eyes when they make connections, and she is passionate about taking them to the next level. Part of what makes THES so special to her is how much community involvement there is. From YSW-FFF, there is always tons of support! Ms. Villanueva's journey to education is an inspiring story – it took her 19 years to graduate from college. After high school she worked several jobs, where she gained the confidence to attend the University of Texas. She is the first in her family to graduate from a university in the US. She always tells her students that “whatever you dream is, it is achievable. Never tell yourself that you aren't good enough!”</p>
<p>LUZ ALVAREZ- SIMS - Dual Language</p>	<p>Originally from California, Mrs. Alvarez-Sims joined THES two years ago. She has eight years of experience as a teacher, and loves watching her students learn and grow throughout the year. Like her mother and grandmother, she guides her students to become lifelong learners. She loves being a dual language teacher and teaching in English and Spanish! It's exciting to see two worlds open up for her students as they learn two languages. Her favorite THES tradition is the Appreciation Pump and her favorite colors are green and pink. Mrs. Alvarez-Sims lives with her husband and their two kitties, Cleo and Gaius. In her spare time, she runs and dances, and loves to travel. She's visited Mexico, Peru, France, and Italy.</p>
<p>KELLIE MARINO</p>	<p>Mrs. Marino has been teaching for 13 years, and has been at THES since 2005. This will be her second year in 4th grade. She loves teaching reading and is in her final year of National Board Certification in Literacy and Reading. One of her passions is mentoring teachers and leading changes in our school. Mrs. Marino loves using project based learning and technology in the classroom. On Fridays, you can find her at morning assemblies performing with the Thunderband. She and her husband Anthony have three children, Madeleine, Cameron, and Hayden and they spend their time together hiking, swimming, and playing games. Mrs. Marino spends a lot of her free time shopping, decorating, and crafting and creating clipart and teaching products to share with other teachers. Her favorite colors are teal and pink and her favorite place is Disney World!</p>
<p>VANESSA SIRCY</p>	<p>Mrs. Sircy came to THES last year when she took over the split level 1st/2nd grade class. In her third year of teaching, she loves getting to build relationships with her students and getting to know each of their personalities. She loves to encourage her students and watch them learn to believe in themselves. Mrs. Sircy is very committed to her students and wants them to leave her classroom more confident than when they arrived. One of her favorite things about THES is their wonderful school spirit. She also enjoys getting to teach hands-on, student-centered project-based lessons! When she's not at school, Mrs. Sircy likes to spend time with her husband and travel. Her favorite color is tiffany blue and she loves elephants!</p>