# **Curriculum Night**

Owen Elementary School Fourth Grade

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# Mr. Sabovik's Fast Facts

- 204 Native
- Bachelor's from Northern Illinois University
- Masters Degree in Language and Literacy from Benedictine University
- English as a Second Language Certification
- Librarian Certification
- Started my career teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade in St. Petersburg, FL.
- thirteenth year teaching at Owen
- Enjoys singing, playing sports, going to sporting events, babysitting my niece and nephews, and reading



## **Curriculum Areas**

Language Arts - Reading – Writing – Spelling – Speaking and Listening Math Social Studies Science

# The Four C's of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning



Communication Sharing thoughts, questions, ideas, and solutions



#### **Collaboration**

Working together to reach a goal – putting talent, expertise, and smarts to work



Critical Thinking Looking at problems in a new way, linking learning across subjects & disciplines



Creativity Trying new approaches to get things done equals innovation & invention



# Language Arts

Word Study

- Speaking and Listening
- Reading
- Writing



#### **ELA Overview**

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade ELA Curriculum consists of one thematic unit per quarter. Each unit:

- Focuses on academic and thematic essential questions and skills
- Pairs literary text with informational text
- Incorporates multiple modes of writing and literary genres
- Integrates grammar, vocabulary, and word study
- Reinforces the importance of research skills in a variety of settings
- Examines the effective use of technology for learning and communicating
- Assesses student mastery of essential skills through carefully designed Performance Tasks
- Allows for the integration of social studies, science, and math

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Units

The Journey
What Shapes Our World
Knowledge in Action
Imaginative Adventures

# While a choice the Units of Study to closes on particular content, the demands placed on students continue to build.

## Assessment

 Mastery of essential skills and conceptual understandings is what is most important. These will be assessed through end-of-unit Performance Tasks.

Daily work, group collaboration, reading responses, written work, book club participation, tests, and quizzes are considered when assessing student progress toward mastery.

#### **Accelerated Math**

- Curriculum has been revised
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade standards drive the curriculum
- Like the past, at the end of 5<sup>th</sup> grade, students will be assessed and placed in 6<sup>th</sup> grade math, 6<sup>th</sup> grade accelerated math or 6<sup>th</sup> grade P.A. math

# Math

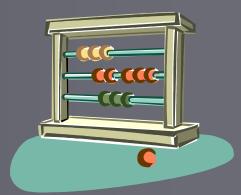
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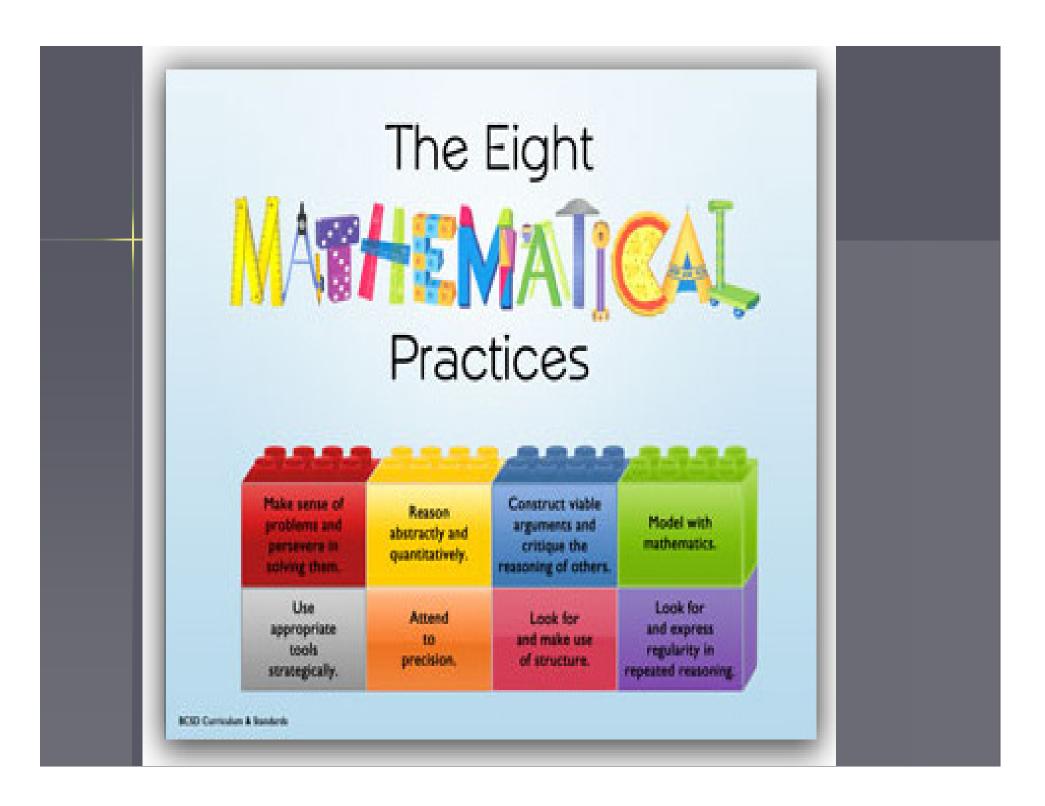
 Tests and Profiles of Student Progress

Games

Other resources include:

- Engage New York
- Freckle
- Learn Zillion
- Khan Academy
- Zearn
- Prodigy





### **Social Studies**

Regions

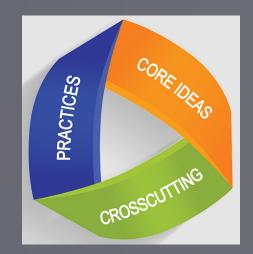
- Northeast
- Southeast
- Middle West with Illinois study
- Southwest
- West
- Projects and Enrichment
- Economy Night



#### Science

- Scientific Method and Cooperation within a Team
- The History of Planet Earth
- Earth's Systems
- Energy
- Waves, Light & Information
- Energy & Natural Resources
- Natural Hazards
- Plant and Animal Structures and Processes





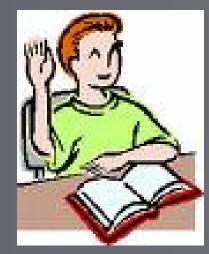
# Daily Routines and Procedures

Behavior Plan

- Homework Policy
- Standardized Testing
- Vacations and Make-Up Work

## **Behavior Plan**

- Student Constitution
  - Class Rules
  - Mission Statement
- Positive Behavior
  - Fun Friday
  - Lunch Bunch
  - Positive Call Home
  - Educational Prizes
- Negative Behavior
  - Verbal Warning
  - Name in Consequence Notebook
  - Thinking Place
  - Phone Call Home
  - Office Referral
- Classroom Economy
- CHAMPS



#### **Homework Policy**

40-60 minutes of homework each night
Make-up Work
Missing/Late Work

- Redo Policy
- Assignment Notebooks

## **Standardized Testing**

AIMS Web Plus Benchmarking Tests
Next Step Guided Reading Assessment
ACCESS 2.0 Assessment
IAR/DLM-AA
Math Acceleration
Project Arrow

# Lunch/Recess 11:25-12:00 Specials

Art

Tuesdays 1:20-2:10

Music

Monday 1:20-1:45 and Fridays 1:45-2:10

PE

Fridays 2:10-2:35 Monday and Thursdays 1:45-2:10

LMC

Wednesdays 1:20-1:45



#### Conferences

Sign up electronically using Power PTC (sign-up will be open Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>)
Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>
4:30 PM to 8:00:PM
Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>
8:00 AM to 8:00 PM



# Parent Teacher Association



#### Benefits

- Stay informed and participate in decision-making for school and district events and initiatives
- Provides many extracurricular opportunities to students and families
- Helps to enrich academic opportunities for students.
- Spends \$25,000 annually on students/teachers (assemblies, assignment notebooks, field trips, classroom cash, classroom parties, muffins with moms, donuts with dads, science expo, classroom subscriptions, etc.)

# Parent Teacher Association



Ways to get Involved

- Join the PTA. It is \$22 per family.
- Volunteering and/or shopping at the resales (there is one in the fall and one in the spring)
  - Volunteer to help out (2 hour shift) or shop this Saturday from 7am-1:30pm in the gym
- Stop in and find out more in the LMC tonight!
- Go to the PTA tab of the Owen website to find information about the PTA, their events, and how to get involved
- You may sign up to volunteer (room parents and other volunteers) using SignUpGenius on the website.

# **Help from Home**

#### Parent Volunteers

- Clerical
- Field Trips
- Room Parties
- Special Occasions
- Projects
- PTA Room Parent \*



## **Contacting Mr. Sabovik**

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# Technology

Remind
Google Classroom
Google Drive
Chromebooks

# Chromebook Benefits & Uses

#### Benefits

- Increased Methods of Collaboration
- Increased Efficiency/Ease of Access
- More engagement
- Individualized Instruction
- More Opportunities for Research
- Extension of Learning at Home
- Increases Effective Work Habits
- Increased Parent, Student, Teacher involvement

#### Uses

- Research
- Development of Math Fact Fluency
- Collaborative
   Projects/Presentations
- Grammar Practice/Reinforcement
- Google Suite for Education
   Applications
- Reading Comprehension
- Peer Editing and Note-taking

# Parent & Student Responsibilities

- Chromebook should come to school charged each day
- Ensure transportation of Chromebook in backpack away from food and drinks
- Be good digital citizens
- Must be used for school purposes only
- Charging cords should remain at home (charging will not be available at school)
- Students may not download or install any programs, files, games, etc.

#### **Thank You**

The students and I thank you for all your support, organizing, reminding, waking up, feeding, encouraging and reinforcing. We wouldn't learn as much if we didn't have the efforts of you behind us.