

Welcome Aboard, Fourth Graders!



Welcome to fourth grade! I am so excited to meet all of you. I know that fourth grade is going to be a fantastic journey. During this year, you will experience more independence and responsibility. Our learning will include participating in many hands-on learning opportunities, the science fair, an end-of-the-year wax museum, along with many other learning experiences. This is going to be a remarkable year for all of us!

A bit about me...

My name is Sharon Kahldon. This is my sixth year at Lookout Mountain. I have taught in WESD since 1996. Before that, I taught in Houston, Texas. Family brought me to Texas and then to Phoenix. I am originally from Chicago, Illinois. I have had experience teaching 3rd, 4th and 5th grades, all of which I have enjoyed.

My husband, Steve, and I have two daughters, Shelby and Sydney. Shelby just graduated from ASU in May and has started her Master's program (also at ASU). She is studying to be a doctor. Sydney will be a senior at Sandra Day O'Connor High School. Bella, our dog, is the love of all of our lives. She is an Airedale Terrier. She keeps us laughing.

When I am not spending time with my family, I enjoy seeing movies at Harkins with friends, reading, shopping with my daughters, traveling, and playing Candy Crush. ☺ I passed on my love of baking to Shelby and am always looking forward to her delicious treats.

Getting Started...

Meet the Teacher night will be Thursday, August 1st, from 5:00-6:00 pm. You are welcome to come by, introduce yourself, drop off supplies, and check out your new classroom, room C222. Our first day of school is Monday, August 5th. I will meet you in the classroom when the bell rings at 8:10. You may bring a healthy snack and a water bottle every day to eat after math. I will discuss our curriculum, classroom management, discipline policies, and other issues with your parents at our Curriculum Night. Please note that outdoor dining will not be available until September. In the interim, parents who come for lunch are welcome to sit in the cafeteria with their child if they choose.

A list of recommended school supplies is enclosed. Some of the supplies you will keep in your pencil box in your desk and some will be donations for the class to use. Parents, if you would be kind enough to send me an email so I can get class emails organized. Please include any email addresses you would like class emails sent. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me as well, at 602-896-5935 (you may have to leave a message), or e-mail me at sharon.kahldon@wesdschools.org and I will get back to you as soon as possible. I cannot wait to meet my 2019-2020 Lookout Mountain family. Welcome to the Crew!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kahldon

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Classroom Supplies...This is the best part, Kids!! ☺

The following school supplies are recommended, but not required.

For students:

- Pair of scissors labeled with student's name
- 2-4 thick and/or thin-tip dry erase markers (We will use these throughout the year.)
- 1 ruler
- 1 yellow highlighter
- A red ink pen
- A small supply box (needs to fit in a slim desk)
- Back pack (no wheels, please)
- (Box of) crayons
- 2 boxes of colored pencils (12 or 24 count)
- 1 yellow, spiral, wide-ruled notebook. You may label it with your name and subject (Math) if you wish.
- 1 two-pocket (with brads) sturdy folder: orange (**not** labeled with student's name--we will label together) We will use this for our Thursday folder. I have labels for the folder. The plastic/nylon folders hold up the best.
- 4 two-pocket folder for keeping papers "safe" until turned in: blue (Science/Social Studies), yellow (Math), red (Grammar/Writing), and green (Reading). Again, the plastic folders hold up the best. You may label them with your name and subjects if you wish. Please be sure to follow the color-coding mentioned above.
- 1 two-pocket folder for homework: any kind/color
- A pair of headphones for personal use (not to be shared with others)
- Optional- a mouse to use with the Chromebooks (not to be shared with others)
- Optional- a stylus to use with the Chromebooks (not to be shared with others)

Donations for the classroom:

- 3-4 glue sticks, small or large
- 1-2 packs of wide ruled notebook paper
- (Box of) thin-tip markers
- 1-2 boxes of tissue (Kleenex)
- Container of disinfecting wipes
- 1 package 3x5, lined index cards
- 1-2 boxes of sharpened #2 pencils for use throughout the year

Wish List:

- Electronic pencil sharpeners (We go through many and do not have a pencil sharpener in the room.)
- Hand-held ball pump (to keep with our recess equipment)

Thank you for all of your donations! They are greatly appreciated!