

# 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Monday Letter

## Week #1: September 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

**Welcome to 4th grade!** Each week, we will send home one informative letter called the “Monday Letter”. We try to make this our only piece of communication each week so we expect that all families read it. It is available each Monday for the first three weeks. Starting the week of September 29th, you will only receive a Monday Letter e-mail EVERY OTHER week to remind families to read the Monday Letter posted on our class websites.

4G: [www.mrsagilmore.weebly.com](http://www.mrsagilmore.weebly.com)

4M: [4mdriscoll.edublogs.org](http://4mdriscoll.edublogs.org)

4W: [www.corywarfield.weebly.com](http://www.corywarfield.weebly.com)

1. **Monday Folders:** Today, your child has brought home a pile of parent notices for you. (Starting next week, this will be put inside a blue folder called the “Monday Folder”. Each week, the folder will contain parent notices in one side pocket and completed student work in the other side pocket. It is important to glance through everything on the “Parent Information” side and complete all necessary forms. You are asked to sign and return this folder with your student by Wednesday of each week.)

\*\*We are still awaiting supplies to arrive at school, so this week it is simply paperclipped together. Thanks for your patience!

### **Please FILL OUT & RETURN to your Child’s Classroom Teacher:**

2. **4th Grade Student Information:** Please complete the *4th Grade Student Information* sheet. (This can be found inside your child’s Monday Folder within the “Parent Information” pocket.) Often, teachers do not hear from parents until conferences in November. We would like to start our dialogue now. Complete and return this form to your child’s classroom teacher by Friday, September 12th.

3. **Manila Envelope for Driscoll Office:** Sometime in the next few weeks, your child will bring home a large manila envelope with forms for the main office. Please fill out all of the forms and send it back to your child’s classroom teacher.

4. **Grade 4 Conservatory Letter:** Please read the letter sent to you from Kenny Kozol, K-12 Performing Arts Curriculum Coordinator, complete it, and return it to your student’s classroom teacher by this Wednesday, September 10th.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

5. **Weekly Schedule & 4th Grade Fees:** Fourth grade students do not need to bring any school supplies from home except a small pencil case of their choosing. All materials have been ordered from W.B. Mason. Costs for field trips and supplies will be discussed at Open House.

6. **Nut Free Classroom:** All classrooms at Driscoll School are nut-free. Please check to make sure snacks DO NOT contain any nut ingredients. They may bring items containing nuts for lunch. For all new students, please make sure you include all allergies and/or medications on the student form and be in touch with Nurse Dewing.

7. **K-5 Open House** is on Thursday, October 2nd. This is a time where parents get to come into their child's classroom, meet the teacher, and hear about the curriculum, routines, and other important information. **We strongly encourage you all to attend.** If you are unable to attend Open House, we can try our best to send some information home to you, but you will miss some information if not present. (The specific hour timeslot will be announced soon.)

8. **Room Parents:** We are looking for 1-2 room parents for each 4th grade classroom. Responsibilities include communicating between PTO and 4th grade parents, planning our first field trip and a few other small things. Please let us know if you're interested!

9. **Attendance:** Students arriving to school before 7:50am should proceed to the cafeteria. At 7:50am, students are dismissed from the cafeteria and are allowed to be in the hallway walking to their classroom, as they are expected to be ready to walk through their classroom door at 7:55 so they're ready for class to begin at 8:00am. Any student entering the classroom after 8:00am will be asked to get a late pass from the main office, so please help your student arrive by 7:50 each morning, prepared for the day ahead. Please email your student's classroom teacher when they are going to be tardy, absent, or have to leave before dismissal.

10. **Driscoll Library:** Beginning the week of September 15, the Driscoll Library will be open for students. Each fourth grade class goes to the library once a week during the school day. The library is also open the following times: 7:50am each morning; until 2:45pm on Mondays and Tuesdays; and until 3:00pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays. (On Friday, the library closes at 1:40 dismissal.)

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Thursday, September 4th: First Day of School

Friday, September 12th: 4th Grade Student Information Sheet Due

Saturday, September 13th: Instrument Rental Meetings 9am-12pm (Devotion School Cafeteria)

Wednesday, September 17th: New Parent Breakfast @7:30am Driscoll Library

Wednesday, September 17th: Driscoll Picnic @5pm Driscoll Playground – build community while you eat with your grade level

Wednesday, September 17th: Instrument Rental Meetings 5:30-8pm (Devotion School Cafeteria)

Thursday, September 25th: NO SCHOOL (Rosh Hashanah)

Thursday, October 2nd: K-5 Open House

Friday, October 3- first 3-5 Community Meeting (8:15am in theater) \*date subject to change\*

Wednesday, October 8: Picture Day

Monday, October 13th: NO SCHOOL (Columbus Day)

Thursday, October 23- Fall Fling Dance! (evening in theater)- join the Driscoll Community to kick off the year with a free, fun, event with snacks and dancing