Dear 4th Grade Parents,

We are excited for your student to be in 4th grade at Stewart Elementary. Being the oldest grade on campus the 4th grade students set the example for all students at school. We have high expectations for your child to have a successful school year. It is crucial for us to work together as a team in our approach to guide them to high levels of success.

On Sept. 3rd I met with all 4th grade students in the cafeteria and lead them through an assembly communicating the following campus expectations:

- We will be safe, responsible, and respectful.
- 4th grade students are leaders of our school and will set a good example for others.
- We will achieve to be better than we were last year in regards to academics and behavior. We also set academic goals as a grade level to reach at least 10 points better than we scored last year on the STAAR test.
- We will focus on learning and we will not disrupt the learning environment for others.
- We will come to school each day ready to learn and will try our best.

During the week of Sept. 3rd the 4th grade teachers met with all students and communicated the following specific expectations that all students agreed upon:

Students will....

- Come to class prepared with materials and planner
- Stand, kneel or sit in your assigned area
- Appropriate think and response time with voice level 0
- Line-up expectations (ready position in your line order)
- Follow directions the first time they are given
- Respect other students’ learning time and environment
- Speak in an appropriate tone and voice level to classmates and adults
The teachers also discussed with students what possible consequences could occur if the expectations were not met. They are as follows:

- Verbal redirection
- Note in planner
- Phone call/email/dojo home
- Lunch detention
- Loss of recess
- Parent Conference
- Office referral

We appreciate your support in communicating these same expectations at home. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact your child’s teacher and set up a parent conference. We look forward to a successful school year!

Sincerely,

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