WELCOME TO TIS!

Spring Open House
May 11, 2022
Welcome to 4th Grade!

Welcome to Thompson Intermediate School! We are so excited you’re here!

The mission of Alabaster City Schools is to partner with families and the community to inspire and prepare graduates to be responsible and productive champions of their future.

The mission of Thompson Intermediate School is for all students to learn in a safe environment where academic, physical, social, and emotional needs are met.
Who are we?

WE ARE TIS Warriors and WE ARE CHAMPIONS of our future!
Characteristics of a CHAMPION!

Teamwork
Self-Discipline
Respect
Courage
Honesty
Excellence
Pride
Persistence
I PLEDGE to be the BEST I can be and demand GREATNESS from myself EVERYDAY!

I will THINK before I speak or do anything hurtful to others, school property, or myself!

I am RESPONSIBLE for my actions and making sure that I am SUCCESSFUL and go far!

I am here to LEARN, WORK HARD, and give a CHAMPION effort EVERYDAY!
What’s different about 4th Grade?

• Expectations
• Discipline
• Transportation
  • Bus
  • Car
• Attendance
• Responsibilities
4th Grade Tips and Tricks

Come to class prepared daily with ALL necessary supplies

Record all homework and reminders in agenda

Complete homework assignments

Study multiplication facts each night

Read daily
4th Grade Teachers

Math/Science/SS
- E. Byrd
- K. Gambill
- B. Goodman
- L. Harris
- D. Hill
- K. Lawley
- L. Whittle

Reading
- C. Henderson
- A. Vann
- S. Jones
- L. Garner
- K. Chason
- M. McNabb
- M. Harness
Communication Tools

- 4th grade teams will send out a newsletter by email and/or paper copy.

- The agenda is a daily recording of homework and/or upcoming events. Please do not use the agenda as a way to send a note. It is best to send written notes, emails, or leave a message with our office staff.

- Please allow 24 hours for us to respond to an email. We are not always free to check our email within the school day.

- We will return phone calls during our conference time or after school.

- We use the Remind 101 text message system to keep you informed as well.

- Check our school website or Facebook page to keep up to date with events, activities, or announcements at school.
Reading

• Students will receive instruction through a variety of activities and resources.
• Reading is integrated through all subject areas.
• Our system has adopted a new reading program for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year called **Open Court**.
Open Court Reading Program

- Aligned with 2021 ELA Standards
- Has digital resources as well as consumable texts available to every student
- Includes extensive word analysis foundational skills that build on K-3 skills
- Incorporates Handwriting
Language Arts & Writing

• All 4\textsuperscript{th} graders will have Language Arts instruction with their reading teacher. This includes spelling, grammar/mechanics, and writing.

• Our writing instruction correlates with our reading program as a supplement to provide an integrated reading, writing, and language curriculum.

• Students will write \textit{across the curriculum} in all subject areas. Our writing focus will include narrative, informative (or explanatory), and persuasive writing.
Math

- Our team of math teachers have collaborated to design our curriculum guide for the school year. We will use a combination of resources to help your child grow as a math student.

- Our learning targets for math include place value/number sense, the standard algorithm with adding and subtracting large numbers, multiplication strategies, division, fractions, and geometry.

- Students will be graded on their mastery of multiplication fact fluency.
Science

- 4th grade will use AMSTI Science lessons as one resource during science instruction. This provides hands on opportunities in the classroom to further students’ understanding of science concepts.

- Learning targets for 4th grade science include Life Science, Energy Waves, and Geographical Formations.

- Other 4th grade standards will be taught using a variety of resources.
Social Studies

- This is the only year students in Alabama will learn about our state’s history.
- One resource used for instruction is *Alabama Weekly Studies* newspaper. This resource covers 100% of our 4th grade standards in social studies.
- We use a variety of other resources to go in depth with our standards.
Field Trips

Fall:
- Water Cycle Festival at University of Montevallo

Spring:
- Montgomery- Approximate price $60 (dates vary by teams)
- 4H Camp- 2 night camp, approximate price $160, chaperones must agree to a background check ($20)

*Prices are tentative and subject to change!*