## ACADEMICS



Morgan
Barber
Scenic Heights Elementary
4th grade

"What's Great About 4th Grade?"

Everyone has a favorite grade... even me. Now, I'm willing to take some time to tell you about mine. Read on ... find out about a new and exciting grade. Reasons and all... Welcome to the fourth grade! TAP! TAP! Pencils on desks. Tick, tock. The clock-pushing its cold black hands toward the next number. Everyone in the room is taking a writing test. In other grades, such as second and first, you couldn't take a test like this. That's what I like about fourth grade ... the challenges. Hard multiplication and division problems or long, droning spelling tests. You name it. Fourth graders have to do it all. Reading levels improve, and you can challenge yourself to open and finish the fat, heavy, spine stitched book you picked out at the library. Soon, you finish it at last. The challenges of fourth grade are hard, but fun. Secondly, fourth grade is my personal favorite grade because of how people, such as teachers, treat you. In younger grades, you would seldom be asked to fetch some copies of worksheets from another room. Your teacher would never let you go anywhere without a partner. But in fourth grade, you are expected to be more mature. Your teacher knows that you are responsible and trustworthy. Every day your teacher depends on you to keep the class moving. Like a shepherd guiding a flock of sheep to the stables. You are asked to do things alone and responsibly. Never could you do things like that in lower grades. Last but not least, the most wonderful reason of all—the projects! Some teachers in second and first grade only tell or show you information on a Dell Laptop. In fourth grade, you get a chance to paste sugar cubes together and create a "fossil", or use vinegar in a chemical reaction with baking soda in a paper mache volcano. Projects like that is the icing on top of the cake for me. Teachers trust older kids to experiment with things. You are always pasting or cutting for an educational project. I told you—fourth grade is exciting, especially with Mrs. Coe with the Escambia County School District. In summary, fourth grade is full of fun! Fourth grade is when you become more responsible and trustworthy. You grow up! You can have good time fun, and some difficult tests, but add it all up and you get a challenging adventure. Fourth grade is an explosion of fun!



Julius
Lewis
Warrington Elementary
4th grade

Wow! They accepted me to Harvard. Do you know why getting an education is important? Well I do. My reasons are so I could be successful, have a good job, and have money to support a family. I'm getting excited! Let me tell you about it. To begin with getting an education is important to me because I want to be successful. If I didn't have an education I couldn't be what I wanted to be in life. So if I do not obtain an education, I will not have any money or a house to live in. One day I'm going to be as successful as Barack Obama who became president at the age of 44. That's why getting an education to me is important, so I can be successful. Another reason why getting an education is important is because I want to have a great job. If you don't have an education people will not hire you for certain jobs. For example; the president has to have an education to rule the whole country of the United States or he could cause the next world war so he has to have an education. Another example is a store clerk. If you don't have an education you could give someone too much change because you can not count and get fired. If I don't get fired I'm going to have a fortune big as Donald Trump. That is why I need an education so I could have a great job. Last, getting an education is important to me because I want to have money to support a family. If you have a family you'll need money. If you have an education you will have a great job that pays a lot of money. Like one day you will need money for Christmas or the children's birthdays. But most important you need an education for money because you need a roof over your family head and you need food. Also you need to pay bills so your family can shower, have lights, and clothes. That's why getting an education is important to me, so I can have money to support a family. One day I am going to have an education like the man who built the computer. Here's a tip, you'll need an education to make it in life.



## READING QUIZ

1. What is Harvard?

A. a University B. a Store

C. a Church

2. In fourth grade you become more

A. responsible B. tired

C. quiet

2. Having an education is

A. important

B. bad

C. tasty