



# *Constable/Farmer*

## *September News*

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**From Ms. Farmer...**

### **A New Beginning**



Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! A fresh start and a clean slate. We have already been very busy in 4th grade in the few weeks that we have been at school. Students have completed reading AIMSweb MAP, and have taken a few pretests in the classroom. All of these tests give us a baseline of where students are when they arrive at fourth grade. This allows us to see the growth they will have by the end of the year. So while it may seem a bit tedious, it is a very important task.

Thanks to all who came out for Back to School Night and stopped by to introduce yourselves to me. If you were not able to make it, don't hesitate to send me a note, an email, or a call just to say hello.

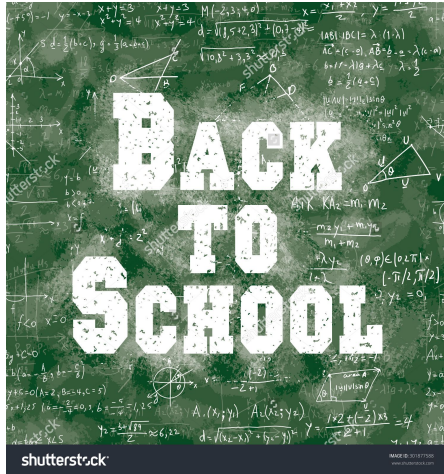
### **A Word About Procedures...**

The students have been working on getting routines down to help our day run smoothly and efficiently. See if your child can tell you what is expected of them when they enter Ms. Farmer's the room in the morning (put lunch stick in the right basket, get book box, turn in any homework, get bathroom/drink break taken care of, and be in seat by 8:50.) First and last name, box number, and date are to be on every single paper they turn in and papers are turned into their pocket on the bulletin board. Review and quiz your child on these things and remind them that doing these are very important. With nearly 50 students to keep up with, following these simple procedures help everyone's day go smoothly.



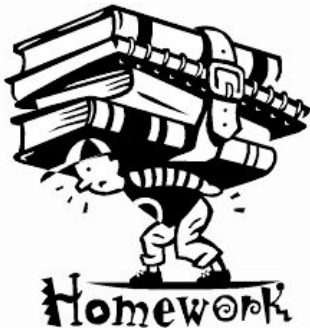
## From Mr. Constable...

### Welcome!



I too would like to welcome everyone to the 2016-2017 school year. My hopes are that this year is successful for your child. We have discussed a lot of procedural expectations and have set the norms for the classroom. Students are beginning to settle in and instruction is in full swing. The one thing I stress daily within my classroom is to make the classroom a place for learning. To me, this is the most important point of emphasis. I want students to make choices that help themselves and others learn. If we do that, I am confident we will all succeed.

### Homework



You will have already noticed that I give students all of their assignments on Monday for the week. I do this to help you plan for your weeks. Students may choose to do more than one assignment a night if that fits your schedule better. Some of the assignments may be difficult if they choose to do them earlier as we will not have covered that content yet. We write the headings of the assignments into our planners and write the day we are to complete the assignment at the top of that page. HC stands for Home connections. These are homework pages that come out of their homework book here at school. I have linked the answer key to these pages on my website if you or your child needs some examples or explanations of these assignments. Homework will be given almost every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Sincerely,

Jason Constable and Shelby Farmer