It is a pleasure to have your child in my fourth grade mathematics class! Below is some helpful information about mathematics class this year.

* **Class Routine:** At the beginning of each class, students are expected to copy their homework assignment. Then, we will have a whole group lesson. The students will be working independently while the teacher is pulling small groups to work on a specific skill. After the lesson, students will engage in a variety of activities. This could include centers, partner work, learning games, TenMarks (a computer program), etc.
* **Homework:** Students will have math practice worksheets most nights. Homework will sometimes involve work in the student’s consumable textbook, and sometimes will be a separate worksheet.It will always take the form of practice to review a skill taught in class. Homework assignments will be reviewed or collected in class the next day. Students who have not completed homework by the beginning of the class will receive a mark on their Power Card and stay in at recess to complete the assignment. Please remember you can get on the MyMath website to print out a worksheet if he/she forgot it at school.
* **Extra Help/Tutoring:** I am available during most recess times or during WIN time, if students would like extra help on any topic or have questions on a homework assignment.
* **Assessments:** A variety of assessments will be done in class (i.e. progress checks, tests, written responses, etc.). These assessments will help determine the student’s ability level on a specific skill. Unit tests will be announced in advance.
* **Additional Practice Worksheets/Homework:**
  + Online textbook: Students can access their mathematics textbook by visiting http://connected.mcgraw-hill.com and entering their login information:
    - Username: first initial+last name+sme+226(ex: jsmithsme226)
    - Password: student 6-digit lunch number+sme (ex: 502468sme)
  + The online textbook can also be accessed through the Polar Bear Resource Page:
    - http://www.nycsd.k12.pa.us/sm/resources.html

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