

## Specialty Areas

Art: Mrs. Zastrow

Music: Mr. Babiarz

Physical Education: Mr. Hanus

S.T.E.M. / Technology: Mrs. Williams

Math Specialist:  
Ms. Thomas

## Support Services

Learning Resource: Ms. Piper

Reading Support: Mrs. Engel

Social Work: Ms. Scholtes

Psychologist: Mrs. Johnson

Speech: Mrs. Langlo

Speech Assistant: Ms. Cho

English Language Learner (ELL):  
Mr. Miner

Occupational Therapist: Ms. Stoner

## Homework

Students should expect homework on a regular basis.

Assignments are to be completed by the following day or a given due date.

## Assessments

Fourth grade students will take local assessments, MAPS, AimswebPlus and IAR (Reading and Math). AimswebPlus is also used to monitor our students' progress in the areas of math and reading.

## Field Trips

We go on field trips throughout the year that correspond with our curriculum.

Past field trips have included:

- Morton Arboretum
- Naper Settlement

## Extra Curricular Activities

- Earth Saver's Club
- Writer's Club
- Drama Club
- Homework Club
- Kid's Care Club
- Band
- Orchestra

## Little Viking Pride

Swartz School values the learning and positive behaviors students display in and out of our classrooms. To promote this respectful and academically focused environment, our students are able to be nominated throughout the year for our Little Viking Pride Award. Any teacher can nominate a student for this award, and they are acknowledging students for kind and academically focused behavior. Every other Friday, we celebrate these students at an all-school assembly. We are so proud of our Little Viking Pride culture!

## Second Step

Social/Emotional Curriculum

- Skills for Learning
- Empathy
- Emotions Management
- Problem Solving

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*Teaching Tomorrow's Leaders*



## 4th Grade Curriculum

Ms. Guidice  
Mrs. Kawka  
Mrs. Noll

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**Principal: Mrs. Smith**  
**Secretary: Mrs. Trexler**

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# Language Arts

*Text: ReadyGEN*

*Novels: Board Approved*

Reading, writing, spelling and grammar skills are integrated.

Writing is further enriched with Six Traits of Writing (Ideas, Organization, Voice, Word Choice, Sentence Fluency, and Conventions).

## Topics of Study

**Word Analysis/Vocabulary:** decoding, prefixes, suffixes, word relationships, classify and categorize

**Reading Strategies/ Comprehension:** author's purpose, draw conclusions, follow directions, sequence, main idea and details, fact and opinion, compare and contrast, cause and effect, summarize

### Literature:

narrative elements, figurative language, literary devices

**Literary Works:** fiction, nonfiction, novel studies, cross-curricular connections

### Research and Information Skills:

dictionary, reference sources, graphic aides

# Mathematics

*Text: enVision Math 2.0 Common Core*

## Topics of Study

- Numbers / Operations
- Algebra
- Geometry
- Measurement
- Data Analysis
- Problem Solving

# Handwriting

Cursive writing is reviewed using the Zaner Bloser model.

# Science

*NGSS aligned*

Science is taught through modules that incorporate hands-on learning.

## Modules of Study

### Earth Science:

Processes that Shape the Earth, Energy

### Physical Science:

Waves and Information, Structure, Function, Information Processing

### Life Science:

Structure, Function, Information Processing

# Social Studies

*Text: TCI Social Studies Alive!*

**Theme: Regions of Our Country**

- United States Regions: East, South, Midwest, West
- U.S. Government
- Illinois History