

# Green Valley School

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Dear Parents,

We hope you had a restful and fun-filled Summer Vacation. Your child's fourth grade year at Green Valley is quickly approaching, so we want to welcome you and let you know a few things that you can expect and anticipate during the year ahead.

As a fourth grader, your child will have a variety of learning experiences that are fun-filled, yet rigorous. It's the year when we move from "learning to read" to "reading to learn". Our math curriculum will require students to use multiplication and division facts with speed and accuracy. Fourth grade is abounding with learning opportunities to expand our critical thinking skills in reading and writing. We will explore rich literature together and independently. Of course, we'll spend time reading non-fiction books, too. Fourth graders will develop their writing skills as they learn to research and compose multiple paragraph opinion essays. They'll write stories, poetry, and letters. Our students will be immersed in learning through thematic units based on California's rich history – from the Native Americans to the Gold Rush and into statehood. There are several long-standing traditions at Green Valley, such as musical performances, community service projects, and of course...Gold Rush Day! We have several field trips, including visiting our State Capitol, and our gold camp overnight experience at Sierra Outdoor School. Fourth grade is an exciting year of elementary school as our students become a part of the upper grade culture of Green Valley.

There are plenty of opportunities for parents to volunteer in our classrooms and throughout our school. You can find out more about how to volunteer and get involved by visiting [our school district website volunteer application](#). We can't wait to meet you and get started on your Fourth Grade year... it's going to be fantastic! See you soon.

Sincerely,

The Fourth Grade Team