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GRADE 4
ESSENTIAL LEARNINGS

This guide provides an overview of what a **fourth grade** student should know and be able to do in each subject area by the completion of the school year.

The Medford Public Schools is committed to providing all students with the academic and problem-solving skills essential for personal development, responsible citizenship and life-long learning. The districtwide curriculum goals for all grades preK-12 are as follows:

- To develop high standards and expectations for all students
- To incorporate a balanced core of critical, essential learning that reflects national standards and the state curriculum frameworks for each discipline
- To develop competency in communication, thinking, problem solving research and other critical skills
- To connect learning to relevant situations and experiences outside the school setting
- To measure student learning through multiple types of assessments including the MCAS
- To integrate the curriculum, wherever possible, across subjects and grade levels
- To effectively integrate technology into the curriculum
- To recognize and respect the different needs, interests and talents of all students

In addition to reading and writing daily, students will be able to...

- Decode using multiple strategies
- Apply knowledge of language structure
- Apply appropriate conventions to writing
- Apply appropriate usage and grammar; quotations, colon, semi-colon
- Demonstrate knowledge of parts of speech
- Demonstrate and apply correct capitalization and punctuation: proper nouns
- Develop and apply correct punctuation: internal punctuation; rules for comma
- Apply principals of conventional spelling
- Practice written composition
- Construct and apply vocabulary to read and extend understanding
- Demonstrate a knowledge of homophones
- Demonstrate structural analysis skills to extend understanding
- Develop a knowledge of genre writing: poetry, exposition
- Understand the author's craft to aid reading
- Construct multiple kinds of writing: comparison/contrast
- Respond to literature in multiple ways
- Demonstrate critical reading skills through evaluating and interpreting
- Demonstrate revision skills in writing to clarify communication
- Demonstrate oral presentation skills
- Demonstrate handwriting skills: legibility