

*Welcome to  
Curriculum Night.  
4th Grade  
Mrs. Currigan*

## *Some things about me*

- × Married/one daughter
- × Teaching is a 2nd career
- × Graduated ASU in 2010
- × 9th year at DSPES
- × 11th year teaching in PVUSD



*4th* 👍  
*grade*  
*Curriculum*

# *Science and Social Studies*

- State Standards and Core Knowledge
- Because Core Knowledge is a spiraling sequence, some of the units may sound familiar from previous grade levels
- Social Studies units include: Maps and Globes, Geology, The Spread of Islam, Regions and Cultures of the Americas (Early Inhabitants-1763) Through Colonization
- Science units include: Physical Science (energy, waves, currents) Earth and Space (layers of atmosphere, landforms, climate)

## *More on SCIENCE*

- × Hands-on (FOSSKits)
- × Scientific Method and Engineering Practices
- × Working together in a Scientific Community
- × Informational Text



# *Reading*

- × Emphasis on Informative Text
- × Reinforced throughout curriculum
- × Wonders
  - × Narratives
  - × Expository
- × Literary Elements
  - × Genres
  - × Story structure
  - × Analyzing text
- × Core Knowledge Literature Novels
  - × Lit Portfolios
  - × Compare Characters
  - × Predictions

## *Language Arts*

- × Rules of Convention
  - × Capitalization
  - × Commas
  - × Sentence structure
  - × Parts of Speech
- × DLR/No Red Ink
- Quizzes
- × Writing focus on 5 paragraph essays
  - × personal narrative
  - × informative
  - × reports
  - × opinion

# *Math*

Align with AZ state standards

- × Eureka Math
- × Digital content : [Zearn](#)
  - × One-half hour per day
- × No textbooks
- × Math Notebook
  - × Vocabulary
  - × Examples of concepts
- × Problem Sets and Homework



# *Classroom Policies*

- × Planner must be brought to school everyday
- × Students write in Planner throughout the day
- × Homework is due the next day, unless otherwise noted
- × Late work is accepted
- × Accountability card
- × Homework will not be posted on my website
  - × Normally test and project dates
- × My website: [Mrs. Currigan's Site!](#)

# *FunTimes!! Field Trips*

To be determined

# *Volunteering/Chaperoning*

## **CHAPERONING**

- Only a volunteer packet is required for day trips.
- PVUSD requires a new volunteer form every year.




## *Great way to Pay*

### **TAX CREDIT**

- \$ paid to school for field trips and other fees
- an actual credit that you will get back in your taxes
- up to \$200 for an individual, \$400 for married couple filing jointly
- must fill out form and get a receipt
- Pay online

## *Optional Parent Contact List*

I will send this link out in an email.



*I am Human...Please  
communicate with me.*

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