



Welcome to Fourth Grade!

Mr. Truax



Meet Mr. Truax

- 5th year teaching at Minerva Central School
 - 3 years at 2nd grade
 - 1 year teaching 1st/2nd Math, Science, Social Studies
 - First year teaching 4th grade
- I taught special education prior for 2 years at Massena Central School.
- I am the Modified Cross Country coach for Minerva-Johnsburg
- I live in Glens Falls with my girlfriend Brooke and our dog Riley.
- I love hiking, biking, running, weightlifting and cooking! I also love being a little lazy on the couch snuggling with Riley!



Contact Information

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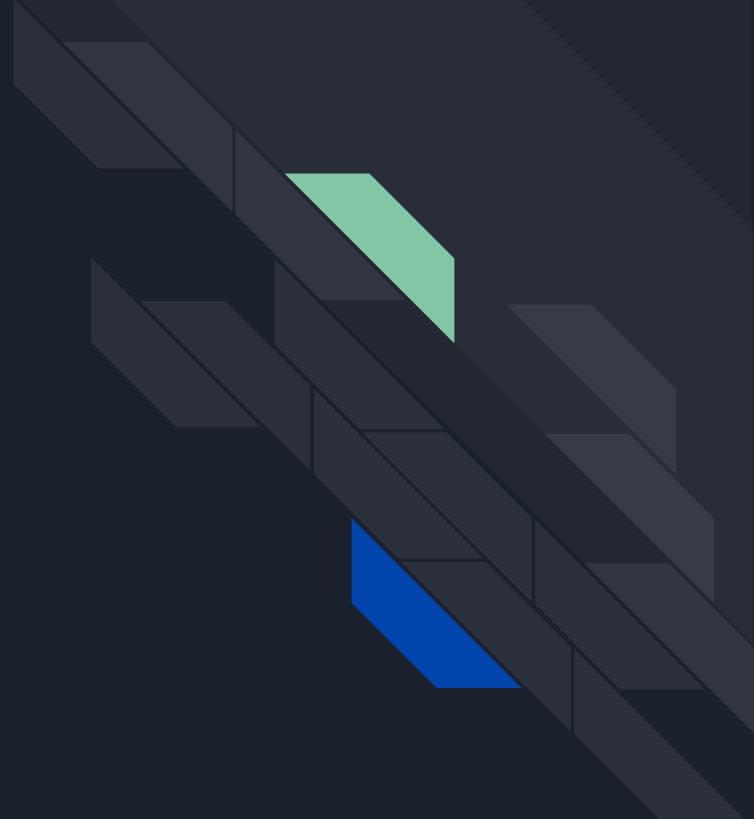
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Agenda

- Day in the Life of a Fourth Grader (Schedule)
- Classroom Expectations
- Homework
- Tickets
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- Art
- Music
- P.E.

Daily Schedule

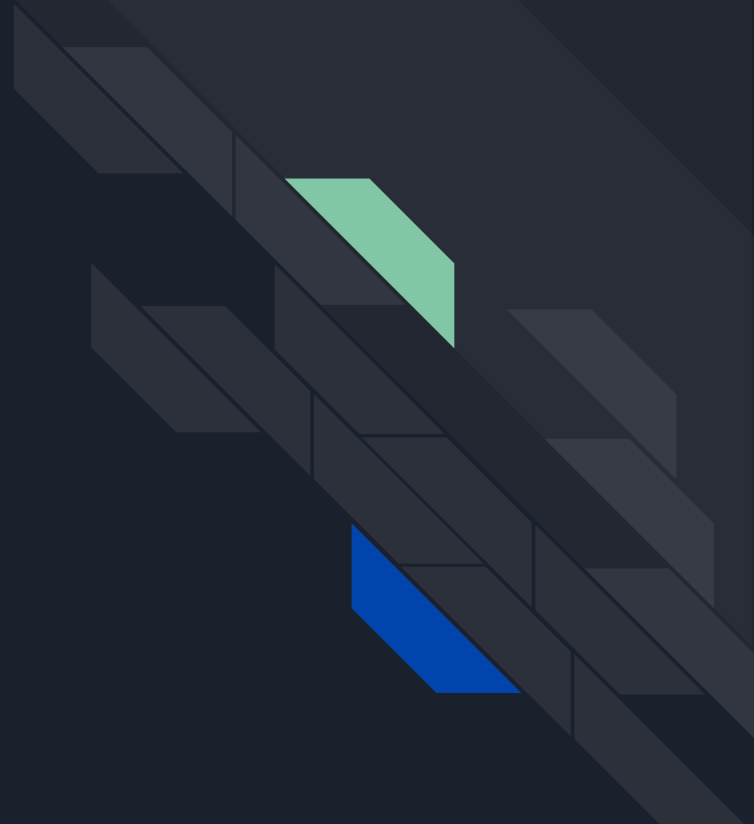




Fourth Grade Daily Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00-8:15	Morning Work	Morning Work	Morning Work	Morning Work	Morning Work
8:15-8:55	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science
8:58-9:37	PE	PE	PE	PE	PE
9:37-11:00	Computers (to 10:20)/ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA
11:00-11:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
11:30-12:30	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
12:30-12:45	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
12:45-1:12	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA
1:12-1:50	ELA	Music	Art	Library	Music

Classroom Expectations

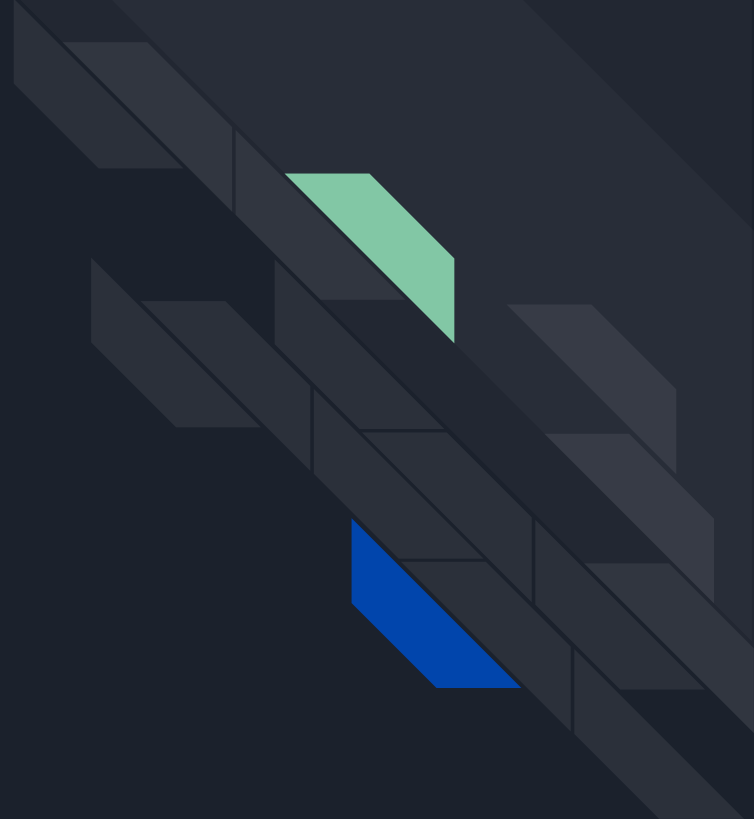




Classroom Expectations

- I expect all members of the class (adults and children) to be respectful of ourselves, others, and property. A respectful classroom is a successful classroom. Always.
- I expect students to participate in daily activities.
- I expect students to strive to be their best selves.

Homework Policy

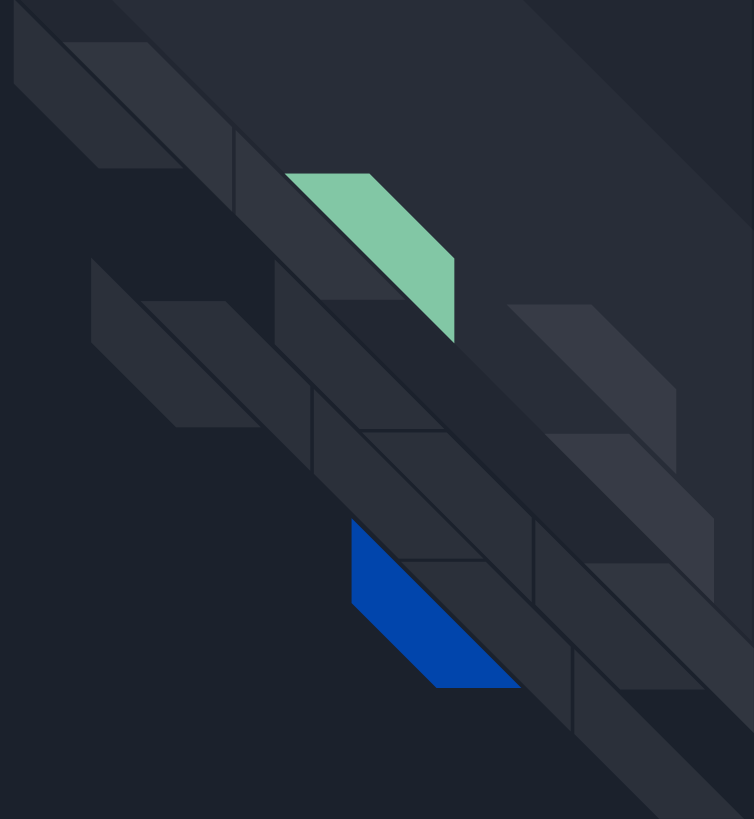




Homework

- Homework is assigned Monday-Thursday
- Nightly reading is required- at least 20 minutes
- Practice flashcards each night
- Nightly math homework
- Occasional Science homework

Tickets: Reward System

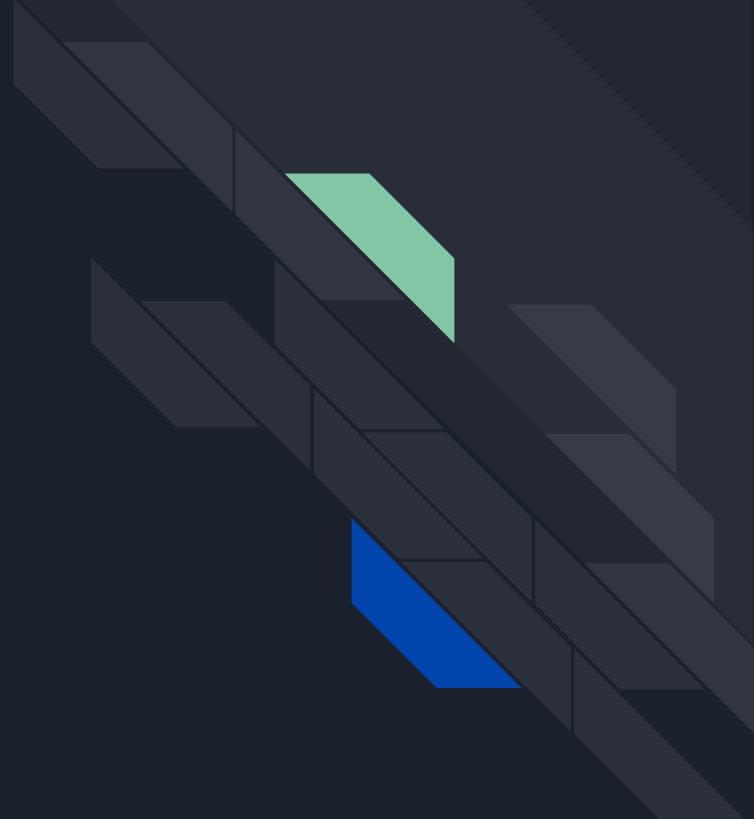




Tickets

- Tickets are rewarded to students who complete homework, follow class rules, and display exemplary effort in the classroom.
- Tickets are taken from students who display inappropriate behaviors in class
- Tickets are kept in a cup attached to the student's desk
- Tickets can be used to purchase prizes at the Class Store every Friday.
- On the last Friday of every month, we hold a Class Auction.

Curriculum Outline



Curriculum Outline

Math

Common Core Math Modules

- Mental and Written Math Daily
- Practice Facts nightly
- Mid and End of Module Assessments
- Neatness is very important for in class work and homework
- State Test given in May

Science

- Life Science, Earth Science, Physical Science Units
- State Written Test given in June

ELA

Reading, Grammar, Spelling, Writing

ReadyGen

Various informational/literary texts to be read as a whole group

Independent Reading Opportunities

Spelling Given Weekly

Reading comprehension tests given periodically

Informational/Narrative/Argumentative

Writing

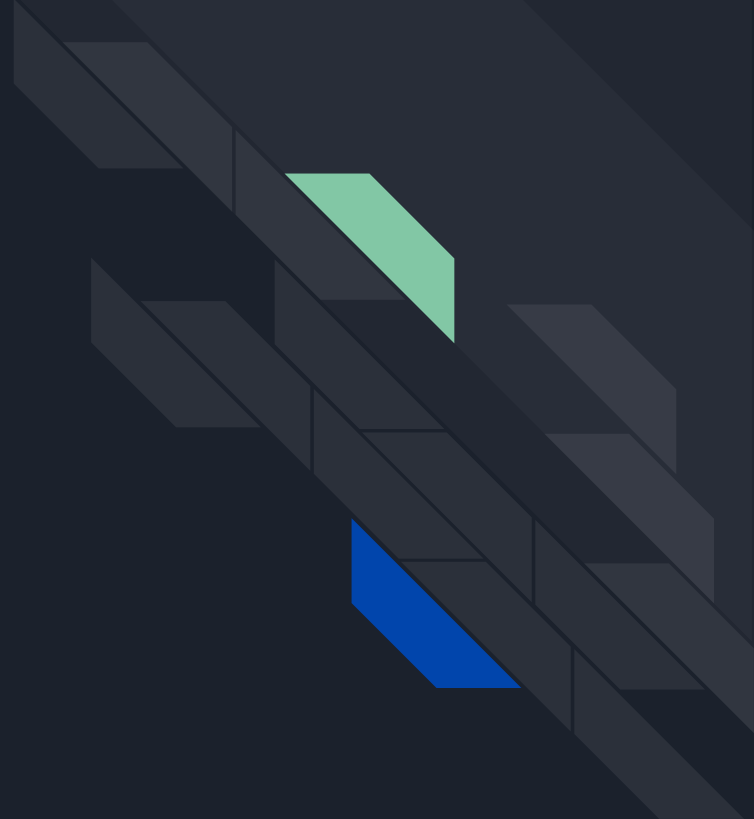
Daily Class Assignments

State Test in April

Social Studies

- New York State Geography, History, Government, Economics
- Local History

Art Information



Art

Mr. Corcoran ~ corcorane@minervasd.org

Expectations:

- Show Respect
- Be Responsible
- Be Honest
- Be Ready to Work
- Use of Please and Thank you is also appreciated.

Effort and attitude is stressed, not their artist ability.

You are welcome to contact me at corcorane@minervasd.org if you have questions about the art program or concerns about your child's participation and progress.

Elementary Art Curriculum Overview:

K-2: Focus on

- Motor Skills
- Step- by- step drawing
- Use of various art materials

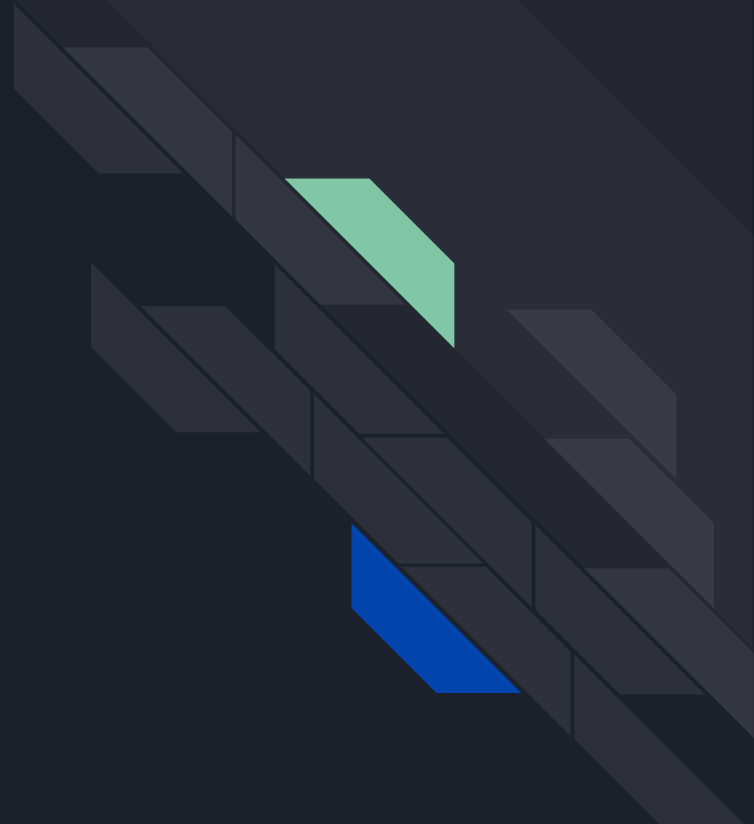
3-4:

- Building on K-2 skills to become an independent artist
- Work becomes more detailed oriented

5-6:

- Students continue to build on art skills
- Skills become more technically

Music Information





Curriculum Outline

I believe that music and movement are very closely linked.

In all elementary classes, I incorporate a lot of movement to reinforce melody and rhythm concepts, and to respond to the expressive qualities of music.

Students in grades 4 - 6 work on learning to read music and demonstrate their skill with playing the recorder and other classroom instruments when possible.

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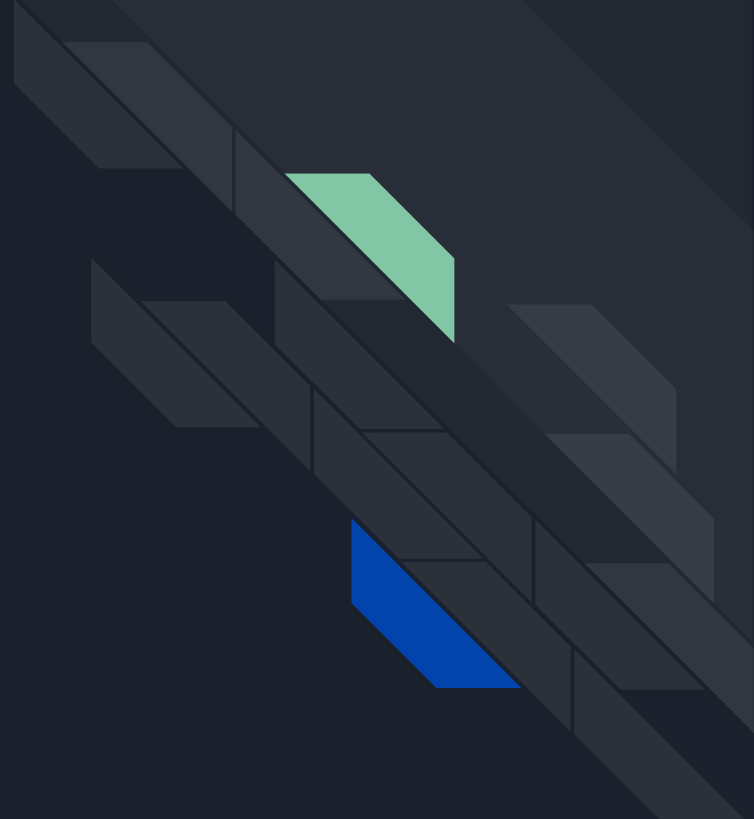
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I expect students to be respectful of the teacher and their classmates and to show this respect by listening and waiting their turn to speak.

I expect students to participate with their minds, voices and bodies in all the music activities we do.

I expect students to share their ideas and ask questions by using classroom courtesy rules of raising hands.

P.E. Information



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PK THROUGH 6

Mrs. Feiden

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Please feel free to contact me at any time for questions or concerns.

**As long as New York State requires, the following rules apply:

- 12 ft. social distancing is required in PE.
- Masks must be worn in PE if students are closer than 12 feet at any time.
- Equipment may not be shared in class. Each piece of equipment must be sanitized after every student use.

These rules have greatly changed the overall concept of Physical Education in school. We are currently limited in space and equipment and are attempting to modify all areas of our program to accommodate these rules. PE in the elementary begins working on basic gross motor skills and learning about how our bodies are affected by the way we move. PK and K are doing basic movement skills (skipping, hopping, galloping) along with learning teamwork and safety during play. As the grades progress, the movements and teamwork become skill based requiring more specialized and fine motor skills along with strategy. In everything we do, we are trying to have fun while we learn!

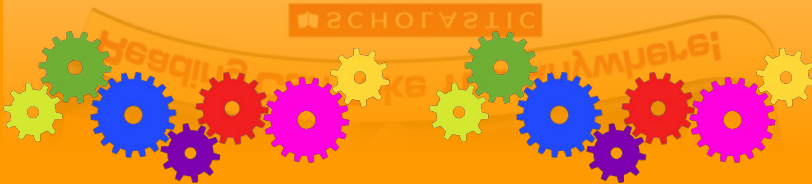


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