

Dear Rising 4th Grade Families,

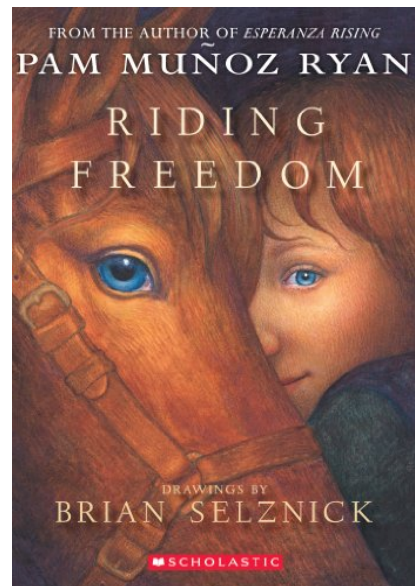
My name is Angelica Faustino, and as you may already know, for the past three years, I've had the privilege of working with the Preschool teams here at SFS. As I step into my 4th year at this school, I am excited to be your child's 4th Grade Humanities Teacher! Damon Allswang and I had the honor of officially meeting your children at our Move Up meeting. The students were enthusiastic, curious and a lot of fun to work with.

At our Move Up meeting, I explained their summer literacy work, which they should have brought home with them. Damon was not able to be there but should be distributing the summer math work next week. I recommend reminding your child to take the work out of their backpack and put it somewhere safe so it's easy to find when they start it over summer vacation.

Reading

- Read *Riding Freedom* by Pam Munoz Ryan before the first day of school. (Your child was given a copy of this book at the move up meeting; this is theirs to keep! If you notice this book may be a stretch for your child's reading level, please read it with them.)

- Optional.* I have scheduled a virtual Book Club via Google Meet once per month to help kids stay on track and give them a place to talk about the story. Google Meet link will be sent to parents/guardians. Here is the info about that:
 - **6/30 @ 1pm pp. 1 - 44**
 - **7/29 @ 1pm pp. 45 - 92**
 - **8/23 @ 1pm pp. 92 - END**



Writing

This is often a difficult assignment for many students, but my hope is that it sends the message that writing is a big part of 4th Grade and that writing is valued. They took home a small journal with the following insert to explain the summer journal assignment:

☀️ Summer Literacy Assignment ☀️



Journaling Assignment

- 🖋️ Write a minimum of 22 entries total (2 per week, starting June 13 - August 23), ½ page minimum per entry.
- ✅ Put a check on the calendar each day you complete an entry.
- 🤝 Ask your parents to sign-off to confirm this work has been completed.



Why did Angelica assign us this for homework?

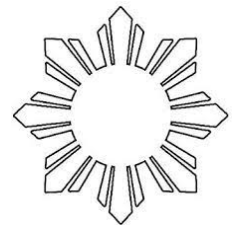
🌱 In 4th grade, you will be expected to do a lot more writing than in previous years, and she wants your writing muscles to be strong 💪 on the first day of school!



What can I journal about?

- 💡 Tell a story about your day/week (sprinkling in fantasy is okay!)
- 😊 Write down thoughts or feelings that are coming up for you
- 🔍 Spy! Shhh! Good writers listen closely to the world around them. Write down any strange conversations you hear or things you see.
- 🦋 Poetry!

I will not be reading through their Journals to check for completion, so I have included a summer calendar for them to check off each day they complete an entry. Parents/guardians should sign each month to confirm that this work was actually done (please sign in the sun image). This is what I'll be looking for the first week back to school.



I'm looking forward to connecting and growing with you all this upcoming year.

Please do not hesitate to email me if you have any questions or concerns.

(afaustino@sfschool.org), and I hope to see some of your kids this summer at our optional book club!

Kindly,
Angelica Faustino