

# Fourth Grade “Non-Negotiables”

August 15, 2017

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Beginning on Monday, August 21<sup>th</sup>, our class will now be held accountable for a few fourth grade “non-negotiables” while completing homework, classwork, tests, projects and any other school related work. “Non-negotiable” means \_\_\_\_\_.

Now that we’re fourth graders and on our way to meet and exceed all fourth grade standards, we realize that these non-negotiables are crucial while completing any type of school work. All of our class non-negotiables deal with conventions. Conventions are \_\_\_\_\_.

Below, you will see an example of the small reminder we have taped to our desks to remind us of the fourth grade non-negotiables. This small reminder will help me to develop good habits.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fourth Grade Non-Negotiables</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">I will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- use correct capitalization.</li><li>- use correct punctuation.</li><li>- write in complete sentences.</li><li>- use correct subject-verb agreement.</li><li>- use my resources to spell words correctly.</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>I will ALWAYS check my work before I turn my assignment in to make sure I have checked for all non-negotiables.</b></p>
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Beginning on Monday, August 21<sup>th</sup>, one point will be deducted from my final score on any given assignment for not following a “non-negotiable”. For example, if I earn an 87% on a vocabulary test but I made three mistakes and did not follow the non-negotiable rules three times, my overall score will be reduced to an 84%. Non-negotiables do not factor in to an overall retest grade. For example, if I earned a 75% on a math test but lost 7 points for non-negotiables, my score would be a 68% but I would not be eligible for a retest due to my grade on meeting the specific standard(s) was a 70% or above. A maximum of 10 points will be deducted if students do not use conventions properly.

You may wonder why this is so important to my learning. This is important to my learning because \_\_\_\_\_.

Thank you \_\_\_\_\_ for helping me to practice these non-negotiables at home to ensure I also follow these rules in class. After all, these rules are skills I already know! This is nothing new! ☺

Love,

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Cut on the line above and please sign and return by August 21<sup>th</sup>. This signature indicates you received and read this agreement with your child. You keep the information above.

\_\_\_\_\_ Child’s Name  
\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature