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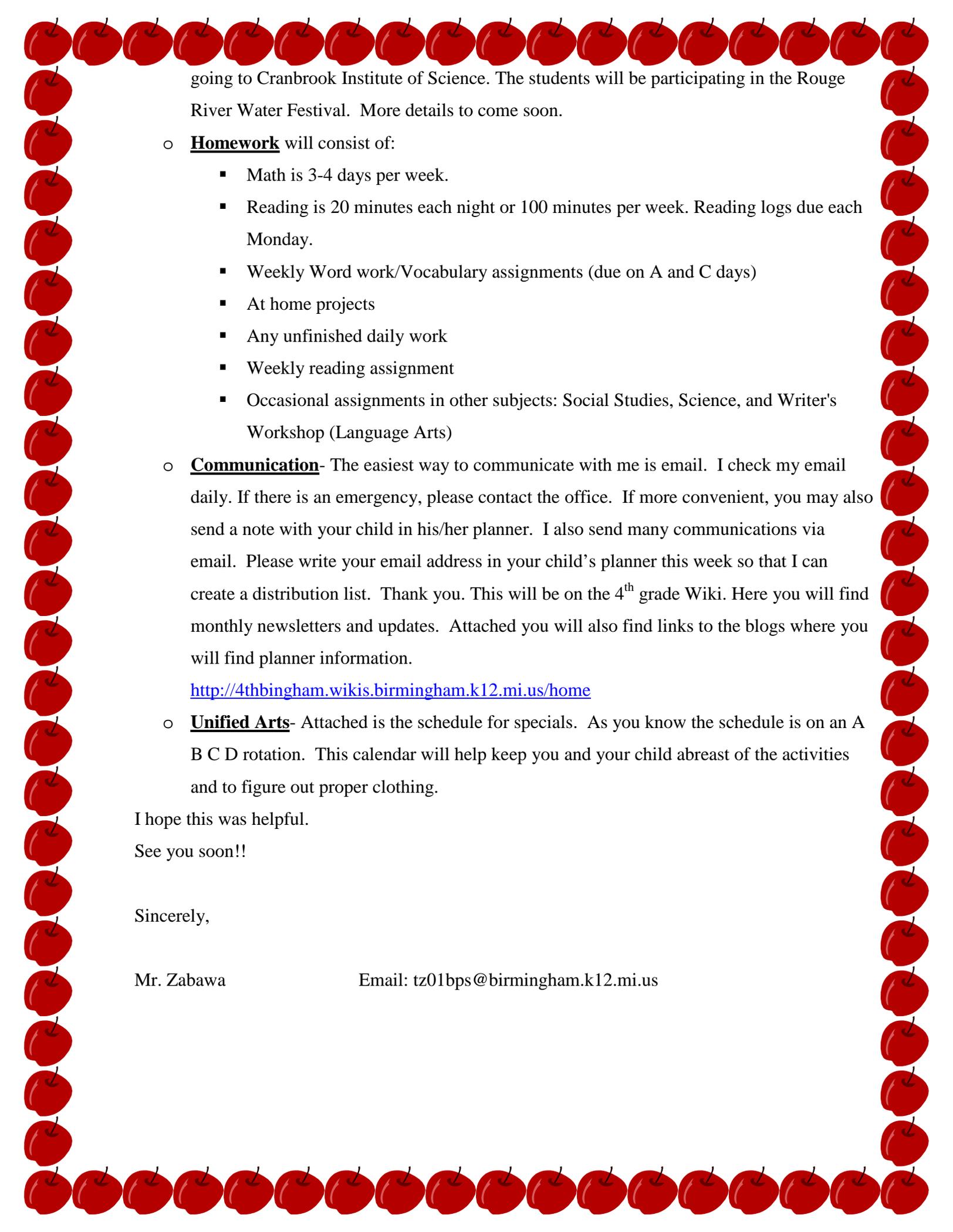
Dear Families,

I offer you a warm "Welcome to Fourth Grade"! I am looking forward to working with you and your child this year. I am also excited about the journey that we will be embarking on this school year. We have many new adventures we will be exploring together. I can't wait to share all the exciting learning opportunities that have been planned.

As was outlined during Curriculum Night, this year the fourth and fifth grade teachers will be collaborating to better meet the needs of all of our students. This will specifically impact mathematics and our word work program (spelling and vocabulary). We are so pleased to have the opportunity to work so closely with the fifth grade team!

I will be sending home updates via email that will explain the focus of upcoming areas of curriculum and events. You can look forward to the first issue by middle September. Until then, the following is a list of general information that you may find helpful.

- A **Weekly folder** will be coming home in the next few weeks. The side marked "Sign and Return" contains work that needs to be carefully reviewed and initialed and then returned with the folder. The other side is marked "Keep at home". These papers are to remain at home.
- **Aim Higher**-Students receive Aim Highers when they do not display good character or are not their Bingham Best. A note will be in the planner explaining the behavior.
- **Zap Zone**-Students who do not complete their homework will receive a note in their planner to let families know that their child has work yet to be completed. They will be working during their lunch and lunch recess to complete missing assignments.
- **Fun C Day**-Every week we celebrate students who have completed all their homework on time and have not received an Aim Higher for behavior. Each week varies with a 30 minute activity.
- **Supplies**-If your child does not have all of their supplies, please try to provide them by the beginning of next week. We organized most of the supplies today either in their desk or their locker.
- **Lunch** is from 12:00 until 12:50pm. **Please send a nutritious snack each day with your child.** Snack time will be in the morning. This year students will eat first at 12 noon. After, they will be going outside at 12:25 for recess.
- **Field trips** are a great extension to the classroom and we try to have the students experience several in 4th grade. Therefore, our first field trip is on September 12th. We are



going to Cranbrook Institute of Science. The students will be participating in the Rouge River Water Festival. More details to come soon.

- **Homework** will consist of:
 - Math is 3-4 days per week.
 - Reading is 20 minutes each night or 100 minutes per week. Reading logs due each Monday.
 - Weekly Word work/Vocabulary assignments (due on A and C days)
 - At home projects
 - Any unfinished daily work
 - Weekly reading assignment
 - Occasional assignments in other subjects: Social Studies, Science, and Writer's Workshop (Language Arts)
- **Communication**- The easiest way to communicate with me is email. I check my email daily. If there is an emergency, please contact the office. If more convenient, you may also send a note with your child in his/her planner. I also send many communications via email. Please write your email address in your child's planner this week so that I can create a distribution list. Thank you. This will be on the 4th grade Wiki. Here you will find monthly newsletters and updates. Attached you will also find links to the blogs where you will find planner information.
<http://4thbingham.wikis.birmingham.k12.mi.us/home>
- **Unified Arts**- Attached is the schedule for specials. As you know the schedule is on an A B C D rotation. This calendar will help keep you and your child abreast of the activities and to figure out proper clothing.

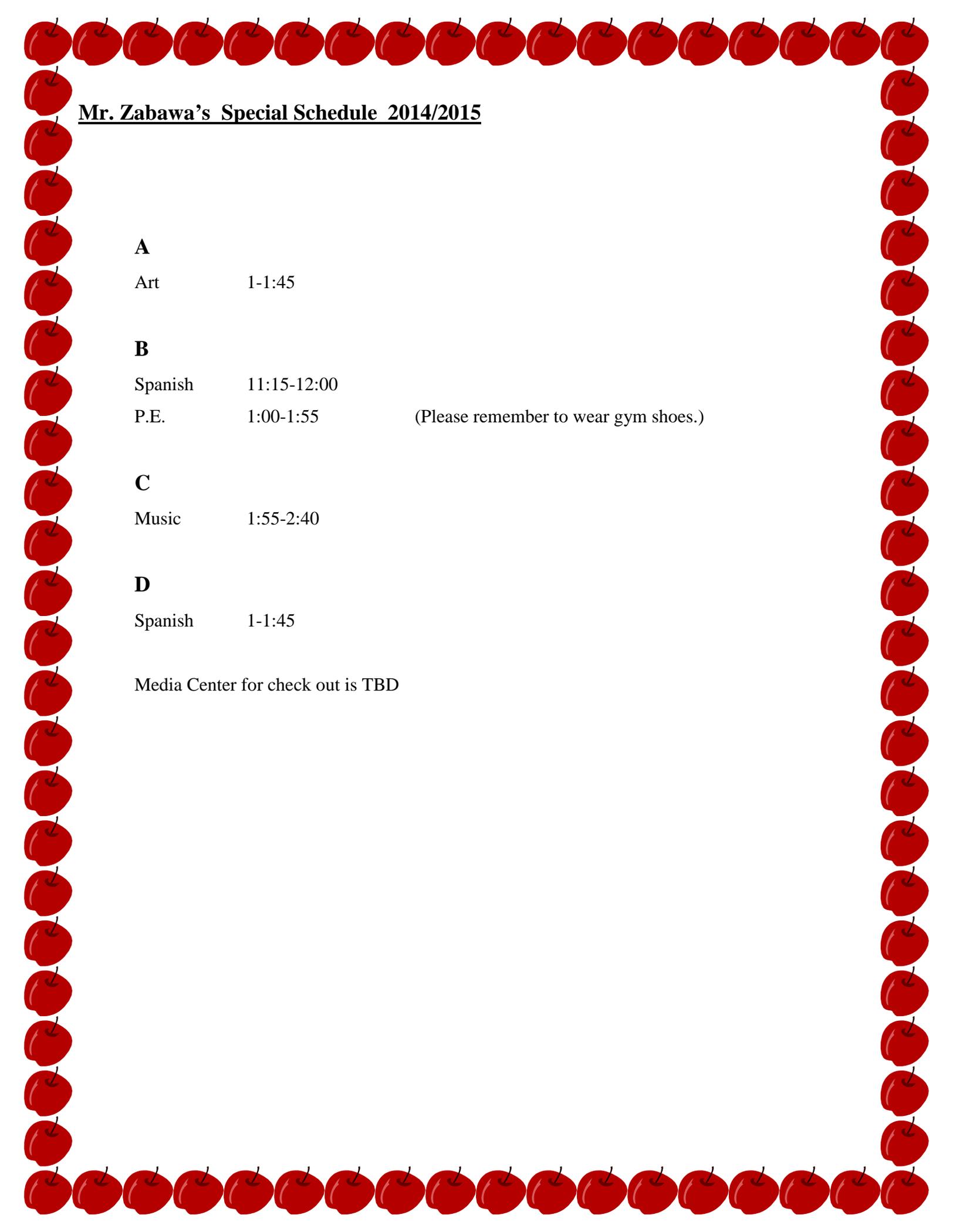
I hope this was helpful.

See you soon!!

Sincerely,

Mr. Zabawa

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Mr. Zabawa's Special Schedule 2014/2015

A

Art 1-1:45

B

Spanish 11:15-12:00

P.E. 1:00-1:55 (Please remember to wear gym shoes.)

C

Music 1:55-2:40

D

Spanish 1-1:45

Media Center for check out is TBD