

# **Welcome to Fourth Grade!**

## **[www.4thgradelions.weebly.com](http://www.4thgradelions.weebly.com)**

Research has shown that the single most important factor contributing to a child's success in school is parent involvement. Therefore, as we begin a new school year, we invite you to work with us as a team towards a common goal – the emotional, educational, spiritual, and moral development of your child.

**Mrs. Samples** – [sarah.samples@stmcs.net](mailto:sarah.samples@stmcs.net)

Religion: We will focus on the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes as guides for living.

Health and Guidance: Our health lessons will focus on your child's health, the health of others, and their environment. The goal is to help your child develop good health habits. Please encourage your child to start using deodorant and keep a travel size in their P.E. bag.

Social Studies: We will be learning about our great state, Texas!

**Mrs. Mercado** – [helene.mercado@stmcs.net](mailto:helene.mercado@stmcs.net)

Science: Students will study life, earth, and physical science using the scientific method and STEM. You need to register on the website: <http://connected.mcgraw-hill.com> and the code is QRRH-HGZ5-SPKO.

Math: Computer programs are used to increase knowledge of math facts in the classroom, but math drills are part of the required homework each night. Xtramath.org is used to increase math knowledge and will be given for homework 3 times a week. If the student completes it once, a score of 33% will be given. If the student completes it twice, a score of 66% will be given. Multiplication facts are essential to a successful year. We will also be using IXL for homework assignments. In order to participate in math fax, you have to have a 96 or above at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

Mrs. Flores - [christina.flores@stmcs.net](mailto:christina.flores@stmcs.net)

Reading: We will be reading many stories and a few novels this year. I encourage your child to always have a book to read in class. We will go to the school library every week and I have a classroom library where they can also check out books. If you would like to purchase books, Scholastic book orders will be given out periodically.

English: We will focus on grammar and the writing process. We will also focus on sentence structure with the eight parts of speech and punctuation. There are several grammar games located on our Weebly website under English.

Spelling: Each unit will be introduced on Monday with some time given in class to work on it. The students will take their weekly spelling quizzes on Wednesday and tests on Thursday.

**Behavior Sheets:** Behavior sheets are an important communication tool between teacher and parents. The behavior sheet needs to remain in the “take home” folder in the expander. Please initial the behavior sheet every night. Be sure to sign the behavior sheet over the weekend and return on Monday. Students will receive checks for materials forgotten in lockers starting August 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Tests and Quizzes:** The fourth grade teachers meet as a team to decide the schedule for tests and quizzes. We strive to stagger the dates on different days as our schedule permits. We try to give the students a week in advance to begin studying for tests and quizzes.

**Homework:** Your child is responsible for writing his/her assignments in each class. The children double check all the assignments at the end of the day. Writing down the assignments is essential for your child’s organizational success. Please check your child’s “take home folder” every night and remove all graded papers. Please do not remove any papers in the other folders of the expander. Try to set aside a quiet time and place for your child to do homework. Allow 60 minutes a night for homework on school nights.

**Late Work:** If the assignment is not turned in, a grade of zero will be given for the assignment. No late work will be accepted for long-term projects. Students are allowed 3 days to complete make-up work. No make-up work will be given prior to an absence. In the case of a long illness, we will be flexible with make-up work. For missed work due to absences, the gradebook will reflect a “1” until student work is made up.

All teacher will use diverse learning environments to meet all student needs throughout the year. We hope these suggestions have been helpful. We look forward to an exciting and challenging year!

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**Please read this handout carefully and discuss the information with your child. Save the handout as a reference for the school year. Please sign the bottom portion and return the signature slip to your child’s homeroom teacher.**

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Parent’s signature

Date

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Student’s signature

Date