

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade at a Glance

Dear Families,

We are off to a wonderful start in 4th grade! The following is a brief outline of the curriculum that will be covered this school year.

- Religion** Our religion series is *We Believe* by Sadlier. The emphasis in the fourth grade is on The Ten Commandments of the Catholic Church.
- Reading** Our reading series is *Seeing is Believing* by Scott Foresman. We will also be reading novels and short stories focusing on accuracy and fluency. In addition, we will work on building our vocabulary and improving our comprehension skills.
- Spelling** The spelling workbook that we will be using this year is *Vocabulary in Action* by Loyola. Students will be tested on the 10 vocabulary words for the week. They will have a pretest at the beginning of the week and then a posttest at the end of the week. This is new to 4<sup>th</sup> grade .
- Handwriting** The handwriting series is also published by Zaner-Bloser. We will continue to practice forming cursive letters correctly.
- English** The English textbook is *Voyages in English* by Loyola Press. The students will compose various pieces of writing with a focus on grammar usage. Students will work on demonstrating effective communication through listening and speaking activities. We begin the year with a unit on sentences.
- Math** Our math series is called “*Envision Math*” by Scott Foresman. The first topic focuses on whole numbers, place value, decimals, and ordering numbers. We will also have basic fact tests each Friday.
- Social Studies** The social studies series is *My World Interactive* by Pearson. We will be Studying the regions of the United States and the states and capitals.

## Science

In science we will be using the MacMillan/McGraw-Hill series titled *A Closer Look*. We will be studying The Solar System, Ecosystems, and The Water Cycle to name a few.

## Grading

The following grading scale will be used in 4th grade.

A+ = 100%	B+ = 89- 88%	C+ = 79-78%	D+ = 69-68%
A = 99-93%	B = 87-83%	C = 77-73%	D = 67-63%
A- = 92-90%	B- = 82- 80%	C- = 72-70%	D- = 62-60%
			F = 59% and below

## Planner

Your child will utilize his/her planner on a daily basis. He or she will record his/her assignments in their planner as the assignments are assigned each day. Assignments should be checked off as they are completed. This makes it very easy for you to see what assignments still need to be completed each evening.

## Late Assignments

If a student does not turn in a completed assignment on the due date, it is considered "late". Students will lose 10% of their score for each school day the assignment is late. If **one** problem/answer is left blank/forgotten anywhere on the assignment (beginning, middle, or end), it will be marked wrong with "L.B." (Left Blank) written next to it. This is not considered a late assignment. However, if **more than one** problem/answer is left blank, the assignment will be considered late. **Late Assignment Notices** will be sent home in the Friday Folder for a parent signature. You may also be notified the same day via email. Please feel free to contact me anytime about your child's homework, behavior, etc., because I will not be sending home Weekly Progress Reports, only Late Assignment Notices.

**Weekly  
Updates**

Please look for the **Weekly Update** each week in your child's Friday Folder. This update will give you information on what your child will be studying the following week in school. It will include dates of tests or quizzes, upcoming school events, and other important information.

I know that with your support this will be a successful school year for your child. If you have any questions about fourth grade, please feel free to contact me at school. Thank you for your support and cooperation.  
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Sincerely,

Ms. Graw

Please sign, date, and return the bottom portion of this letter to your child's homeroom teacher with this week's Friday Folder to indicate you have read and understand this letter.

4th Grader's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_