

4th Grade at a Glance

Dear Families,

As we embark on a new academic year, I want to take a moment to address an important aspect of your child's education. In 4th grade, I will strive to create a more challenging and enriching learning environment for your child. Here your child will build on their previous knowledge and develop new skills. I will also encourage students to be more responsible for his/her learning. 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 *Reading Street* 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 *Spelling Connections*. Students will be responsible for the assigned workbook pages and they will be tested on the 20 words at the end of each school week.
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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 *My Math* by McGraw-Hill. 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 Savvas series titled *Elevate Science*. 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.

Your involvement, encouragement, and praise in your child's education are invaluable. I appreciate your partnership in your child's education and success. If you have any questions about 4th grade, please feel free to contact me at school. I am here to work with you and your child to make 4th grade the most successful year for them.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Graw

Please sign 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: _____