

4th Grade Handbook 2023-2024



Mrs. Delaney Funk

Welcome to fourth Grade!

I am so excited for this year to begin! I am really looking forward to having your child in my class. In this handbook, I have laid out my classroom policies as well as some important dates and events for you to remember. If you have any questions, please let me know. I am looking forward to a great year and I cannot wait to see what the Lord has in store for us!

Mrs. Funk's Fourth Grade

2023-2024

Cade

Addalie

Darcy

Hunter

Parker

Kambree

Kash

Policies & Procedures

- **Discipline/Classroom Management:** Students will be taking part in our Classroom Economy. Please see the attached pages for more information. Please remember that we are a Christian based classroom, so part of that is being able to correct in a Christ-like loving way, and being able to pray every chance we get.
- **GroupMe:** I will be using the mobile app “GroupMe” to communicate with each of you throughout the year. I will post pictures of what we’re doing in class as well as send updates and reminders for you. Please make sure you are signed up to have access to your child’s account, so you don’t miss anything. This is also the platform we will use if you must move to virtual learning.
- **Homework:** Students will be expected to read 300 pages each month. They will be keeping a reading log so that we can both keep track. We will not be participating in Book-It this year; however, I will still be awarding the students that keep up with their logs and meet this goal. I will also make this a grade each month, so please make sure that they are reading at home. The students will also have occasional homework if they do not finish their work in class. They will also need your help in studying for tests and quizzes throughout the year.
- **Classroom Library:** I have a small but growing library in my classroom. The students are welcome to check out one book at a time from it. I will take inventory of the books at the end of the year. If a book is not returned, you will be asked to replace it.
- **Planner:** Everything that I assign in class is to be written in the planner each morning. I require a parent to sign these each night. Please sign in the box with the date for the day. This is a way for you to see what we are doing in class, and if your child has homework.
- **Communication:** I love how much each of you care about your child's learning, however, this year we were asked that all school-related communicants are on GroupMe. I have set “office hours,” that way you know when I will be able to answer questions. Those are going to be Monday-

Friday 8:30 am until 6:30 pm. If it is an emergency, please let me know, however, all my parents are FANTASTIC, and chances are another parent might know the answer to general questions, please feel free to ask one of them. If you need a copy of a study guide, a memory verse, or spelling words, I bet someone has one and will send you a copy.

- **Class Descriptions, Tests, and Quizzes:** All tests and quizzes will be announced in class ahead of time and will also be included in my note for the week.
 - **Spelling:** We will start a new list every Thursday, they are required to write their words 3 times each in cursive, however if they would like to write them 2 extra times in either cursive or print I will give them 5 bonus points. They will be expected to write their words in their planner every Thursday. Each list has four pages in their workbook that we will go over on Thursdays, and it will be due on the next Tuesday, before we take Wednesday. That means that if they do not get these pages done during school hours it will be homework on Monday.
 - **Math:** There will be a math assignment daily. I will do my best to give them enough time to finish in class, but if they do not finish, it will be homework. There will be a test or quiz each week in math. Occasionally tests will have an opportunity for bonus. The bonus paper will be worth 10 points, and then for every problem that they miss it will be one point off. Example: If they miss five problems it will be worth 5 bonus points. If they miss 2 problems it will be worth 8 points, and if they miss 10 problems it will not be worth any. These will normally be due before the test is taken.
 - **Language:** Students will be completing daily language assignments where they will occasionally have homework. The curriculum does a review page the day before the test, which does not allow for an easy way to study. You should be able to look at the material that we have been going over that week to know what will be on that test. Please, please, please look through your child's papers to know what they need to work on.

- **Reading:** At home reading will be a part of the students' reading grade. Each 9 weeks there will be a book report. Students will read in class every day and have a workbook page assigned.
- **History:** Students will have a test for each chapter. It will be announced in class several days ahead of time. You will get a mid-chapter review sent home in their study guild folder, and you will also get an end of the chapter to review a day before the test. The mid-review might have some information that the ending one does not. Please start studying as soon as you get the review papers, it will make everything easier. I don't normally have history bonus.
- **Science:** Students will have a test for each chapter. The chapter study guides and quizzes are randomly placed throughout the workbook, so when we come across them they will put them in their study guild folder. The last workbook page will always be the main review. Students will also complete hands-on projects throughout the year. I will send home more details when the time comes for each project.
- **Bible:** In fourth grade the students are expected to fill out their own study guilds and review them at home. This paper will always be in their study guild folder. This will have all the information that they will need to know for the test. You can start studying it as soon as you get it. There will be a verse test every week. Please help them study.
- **Redos:** Students may redo assignments with a grade below 70%, however, they will only receive 50% credit for the corrected questions. Any redos will come home with the stack of graded papers in the Tuesday folder each week. Redos are due the following Friday. There will not be any redos on test or quizzes.
- **Field Trips:** We will take at least one field trip each nine weeks. I would like to be able to go on the all school field trip to the Corn Maze in September, Roll School in early October, The Oklahoma Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City in November, and The Holy City and Aquarium in Medicine Park in April. I would also like to go to Tiger Safari this year if we can find time.

- **Class Parties:** You will have the opportunity to sign up to help with one or more class parties at the first Parent/Teacher Conference.
 - Christmas Party: December 19th, 2023
 - God's Love Party: February 14th, 2024
 - Resurrection Party: March 28th, 2024

- **Birthday Parties:** Each student will receive a special blessing in chapel on their birthday. You may also bring a treat for the class if you would like. I will get in touch with you to arrange a day and time. If your child has a summer birthday, we will pick a day that works for everyone.

**Please note that all of the above is subject to change at the teacher's discretion; however, if something changes, I will let you know in a note. Thank you for all your support. **

Classroom Economy

Students will be assigned a job each week. Each student will do each job at some point throughout the year. They will also have the opportunity to earn bonuses and shop in the class store.

Student Income:

- Get planner signed - \$1 everyday
- Get a compliment from another teacher - \$10
- Go above and beyond in showing kindness - \$15
- Teacher may also give money for random things as well such as, being where they need to be, answering questions, obeying directions, and anything else the teacher deems reasonable.

Student Expenses/Fines

- Dishonesty - \$20
- Rudeness - \$5
- Complaining - \$5
- Messy desk or locker - \$5
- Missing work - \$5
- Off-task behavior - \$5
- Teacher may also take away money if students are not doing what is asked of them or for anything else the teacher deems reasonable.

****Fines will be paid immediately upon violation. ****

Store:

Students can participate in the class store at the beginning of each month. Students can choose not to participate in store if they wish to save their remaining money.

Classroom Passes:

- Bring a snack from home and eat it at anytime - \$25
- Play a center by yourself after completed assignment- \$25
- Bring gum from home and eat it in class - \$25
- 5 Problems off any assignment (not test or quiz) - \$25
- Choose your own partner for a day - \$25
- Choose who you sit by for the day - \$25
- Pet/hat pass - \$25
- Chalk at recess - \$25
- Sit by your friends at lunch - \$25
- Read a short story to the class - \$25
- Choose Bible songs for the day - \$25
- Pick subject order for the day - \$25
- Teacher provided POP pass - \$50
- Play a game with a friend after current assignment is finished - \$50
- Take your shoes off - \$50
- Mrs. Funk's Snack Stash - \$100