4th Grade Handbook 2026-2027



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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 this year. Throughout the year, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at school, text me on GroupMe, or email me.

The verse I have chosen as a theme for the class this year is Joshua 1:9

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32

In this handbook, I have laid out my classroom policies as well as some important dates and events for you to remember. Please read over it and return the slip in your Tuesday folder, letting me know you have read it all and for a treat. If you have any questions, please let me know. I am looking forward to a great year and can't wait to see what the Lord has on store for us!



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-Policies & Procedures-

- **Discipline/Classroom Management:** This year we will be having two different types of incentives, we will have both individual, and class incentives. With the individual each student will get a punch card, and after 10 punches, they will be able to draw a prize pass.
  If I have to get on to them for any reason, 1. Will be a verbal warning, 2. Walking at recess, 3. Will be writing a verse out of the Bible, 4. The students will be require to write a note home to the parents explaining the action, parents will sign it and send it back, 5. Talking to the principal.
  Our class rewards will be collecting stars. When we get 25 stars, we will have a class party. Please remember we are a Christian based classroom, so that means we will correct in a Christ-like loving way, and pray with each other.
- **GroupMe:** I will be using the mobile app "GroupMe" to communicate with each of you throughout the year. I will send updates and reminders, and also, post pictures of things we are doing in class. Please make sure you are signed up so you don't miss out on anything.
- **Homework/Planners:** 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 be doing Braums Buddies. I will also make this a grade each month, so please make sure they are reading at home. The students will also have occasional homework if they do not finish their work in class. They will need your help studying for quizzes and test throughout the year. Each student will have a planner. This planner will be filled out every day before they leave for the day. It must be signed by a parent each night. If your child gets their planners signed every day of the school week, they will receive one punch on their punch card. I will also be taking a weekly participation grade for planners.
- **Classroom Library:** I have a small library in our classroom. The students are welcome to check out one boot 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.

- **Communication:** I love how much each of you care about your child's learning, however, this year I am asking that all school-related communication goes through 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 pm. If it is an emergency, please let me know. All of our parents are FANTASTIC, and chances are another parent might know the answer to general questions, please feel free to ask them. If you need a copy of a study guide, a memory verse, or spelling words, someone has one and will send you a copy.
- **Class Descriptions, Test, & Quizzes:** All test and quizzes will be announced in class ahead of time and will be included in my weekly note.
  - **Spelling:** We will start a new list every Wednesday, and test on Tuesdays. They are required to write their words 4 times each in cursive. If they would like to write them 2 extra times I will give them 5 bonus points. Each list has four workbook pages, that we will go over on Wednesday. They will be due the next Tuesday, before we take the test. If they don't get the pages done in class, they will need to finish them at home.
  - **Math:** There will be a math assignment daily. I will do my best to give them enough time to complete them in class. If they do not finish, it will be homework and needs to be turned in the next day before chapel. There will be a test or quiz each week in math.
  - **English:** Students will be completing daily language assignments; they will occasionally have homework. You should be able to look at the material we have been going over that week to know what will be on the test. 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 your child's reading grade. We will be doing book reports through the year. I ask that this be the students work. Students will also be doing reading and have workbook pages assigned.
  - **History:** Students will have a test for each chapter. It will be announced in class several days ahead of time. You will get an end of the chapter review the day before a test. We will also be memorizing all 50 states and capitals sometime in the year. There will be a separate paper sent home with all the test dates.

- **Science:** Students will have a test for each chapter. The chapter study guides and quizzes are randomly places throughout the workbook, so when we come across them, they will place them in their 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 guides and review them at home. This paper will always be in their folders. This will have 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 other week, and a unit test on the other. Please help them study.
    - **Redos:** Students may redo assignments with a grade below a 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 before chapel that Friday. There will NOT be any redos on test or quizzes.
    - **Late papers:** I will take late papers up to 4 days past the due date. However, for everyday it's late I will take 5 points off. I will also take 5 points off if a student forgets to put their name on their paper.
    - **Field Trips:** We will take at least one field trip each nine weeks. The first one will be to Roll School.
    - **Class parties:** You will be required to sign-up and help with one or more class parties at the first Parent/Teacher Conference.
        - Christmas Party: December 18, 2026
        - God's Love Party: February 12, 2027
        - Resurrection Party: March 25, 2027
    - **Birthday Parties:** Each student will receive a special blessing in chapel on their birthday. You may bring a treat for the class if you would like, I will get in touch with you to decide a day and time. If you child has a summer birthday, we will pick a day that works for everyone.

- **Classroom Snacks:** I allow the students to have one snack a day. I will provide some dry cereal throughout the year that they are welcomed to have. I will also allow students to bring snacks if they would like, but they need to make sure and bring enough for the whole class. I don't pass out the snacks; I have them where they have access to them at the appropriate times and allow them to just pick out what they want. If you have any questions, please let me know. If your child has any allergies, please let me know.

Please note that all 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.

Thank you for taking the time to read over this handbook. Please keep this as a reference throughout the year. Thank you.

Please sign & return this portion after you have read the handbook.

Student's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____