



to 4th Grade!

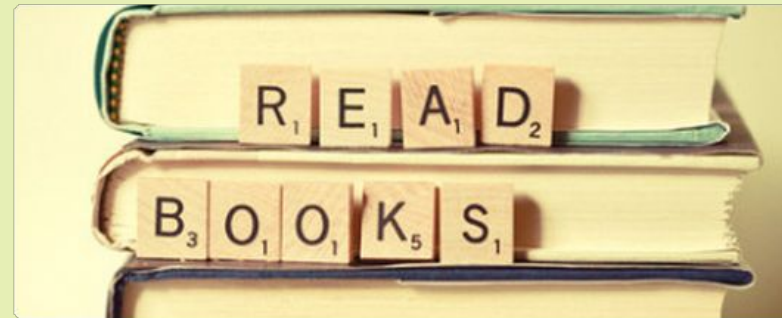
Ms. McKaig (4A)

Mr. Helfert (4B)



Ms. McKaig ELA Curriculum

- Close Reading of Complex Texts
(introduce themes, inferences, etc.)
- Grammar
- Evan-Moore Spelling
- Zaner-Bloser Handwriting
- Book Report
- Novel Studies
 - Number the Stars



Ms. McKaig Social Studies Curriculum

- Study of the 6 regions of the United States
- Comprehensive study of Arizona
- Postcard project (Introduced to students tomorrow!)
- 50 States and their Capitals
- State Study and Float



Mr. Helfert Math Curriculum

Big Ideas Math: Modeling Real Life is an elementary math curriculum that empowers teachers and promotes student ownership so that all learners can succeed in math. BIM provides a solid computational base with practical real life applications.

Chapter/Section based schedule with corresponding chapter reviews/assessments.

www.bigideasmath.com (Select grade, select state, click “Easy access to book.”)



4th Grade Religion Curriculum

- Taught by homeroom teacher
- Jesus, Our Guide
 - Old Testament stories
 - Catholic Traditions
 - Divine Mercy Chaplet



4th Grade Weekly Assignment Routine/Flow

Monday- Morning Packet received

Tuesday-

Wednesday- Spelling test *every other week*

Thursday- Spelling packet received *every other week,*

Morning Packet due

Friday- IXL due



Standardized Testing

- MAPS in Fall and Winter
- ITBS in Spring

Letter Grades

Letter grades:

- A - Excellent 100-90 4.0
- B - Above Average 89-80 3.0
- C - Average 79-70 2.0
- D - Below Average 69-60 1.0
- F - Very Poor 59-0 0





St. John XXIII 4th Grade Website

Welcome to Ms. McKaig (4A) & Mr. Helfert's (4B) Fourth Grade Classroom Website! This is a wonderful tool to check for :

- Classroom updates/announcements
- Nightly homework
- Quick links for students & families
- IXL skills

PLEASE visit the class website regularly!

three assignments, have about a week to complete these assignments, all that have consistent "assigned" and "due" dates (see below). 4th Graders will have the invaluable opportunity to manage their time in order to complete a task—as you all know, this is a life skill that does not go away!



Morning Packets

At the beginning of each week, students will be given a "Morning Packet" of review work. They are to work on this packet first thing in the morning; these packets will be due to their teacher on that same Thursday.



Spelling Packets

Ms. McKaig will assign Spelling Packets on Thursday. On the following Wednesday, the packets will be due, and the students will take a spelling test on the material. The packet will be a homework assignment. However, the students may work on them in class once their classwork assignments are completed. Ms. McKaig will have the students place a "due date" on the front of the packet when they receive them. We will begin with a packet every other week.



IXL

Each week (on Mondays) the students are assigned several categories of language arts and math in IXL. These are review topics that have already been taught. It is intended for early finisher work in the classroom. Students are able to work on IXL from home, too. This is a non-graded, practice activity.

By Friday, the students who do complete/master each of the assigned skills will be rewarded with X amount of time to play a teacher-approved app of their choice on their school iPads that day during an allotted time of our school day!

Missing and Absent Work Policies



Late Work Policy

- When a student turns in an assignment late, there will be a 20% deduction in their grade. (*This is a school-wide policy in effect beginning in 2nd grade*)
- We will accept late work for up to two weeks past the original due date. After this point we will no longer accept the work.

Absent students will be given two days for every one day of absence to complete absent work.

No-Name work will be given an opportunity for the owner to claim it, otherwise a student will receive a zero for missing work

Be sure to note...

Absent Work Policy, from our school handbook:

Parents must understand that when children are taken out of school for personal reasons such as a special holiday or family vacation, teachers are not required to anticipate schoolwork or to provide early work for the child. When convenient, teachers will try to cooperate; however, parents may not expect this kind of service and are advised to make arrangements with another student to collect the work as it is assigned to the whole class. All work must be made up, and it is the student's responsibility to check with his/her teacher for missing assignments.

***The student will be given two days for every one day of an absence to make up the missed work.*

Olweus Bullying Program

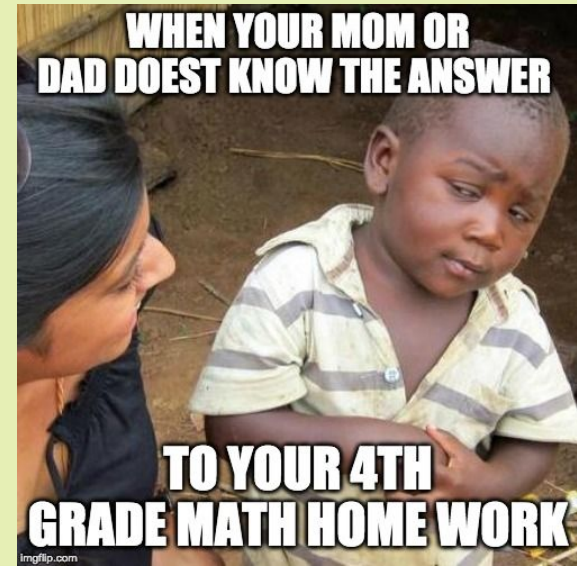
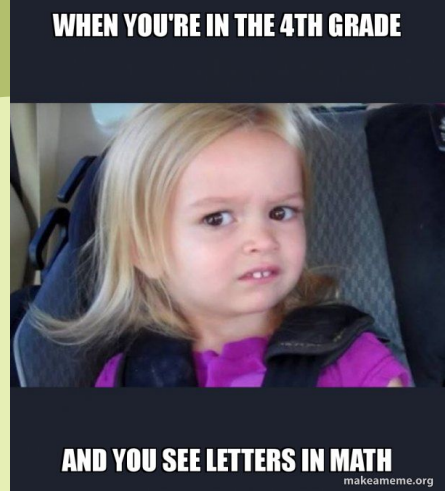


- Olweus is the most researched bullying prevention program available today.
- Originating from Norway, Olweus is implemented throughout the world (United States, Canada, England, Mexico, Iceland, Germany, Sweden, and Croatia)
- recognized by the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence as one of only eleven (at the time of publication) Blueprints Model Programs and the SAMHSA as a Model Program--two of the highest honors a prevention program can attain.



4th Grade Trends

- The "hand holding" lessens
- TIME MANAGEMENT!
 - Timely assignments
- It is the student's responsibility to see both teachers following their absence to discuss missed/make-up work AND turn the work in on time



**Lastly...We are so happy and blessed to be your
child's teacher this year! It is going to be a
lovely year.**

